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08:55:09 5 ~ ~ ~

09:11:04 6 **THE COURT:** Good morning, everyone.

09:11:05 7 Before the jury comes back, I did consider
09:11:10 8 the defendant's motion regarding the use of the deposition as
09:11:21 9 argued yesterday, and unfortunately, there was such an
09:11:26 10 avalanche of pleadings filed on Monday, to be frank, your
09:11:32 11 argument got lost among all your other arguments. We didn't
09:11:37 12 give it as much of an examination as we should have.

09:11:43 13 But we have now, and I think your argument
09:11:46 14 has merit, and I think there is an effort by the plaintiff to
09:11:57 15 go beyond the pretrial order in the sense that the Court made
09:12:03 16 it clear that the BuzzFeed article is not the subject of
09:12:10 17 defamation in the case. And I'm forewarning the plaintiff
09:12:20 18 that when it comes to final argument, if there is an effort
09:12:25 19 at blurring, it will be my obligation to straighten it out.
09:12:32 20 And I'll be listening very carefully.

09:12:35 21 But I haven't had a complete opportunity to
09:12:38 22 look at your motion, and if ultimately it is with merit, I
09:12:46 23 will consider a motion to strike.

09:12:50 24 **MR. SPIRO:** Thank you, Your Honor.

09:12:51 25 **THE COURT:** That's all I want to say about that

09:12:53 1 now. Nothing further. Nothing further.

09:12:57 2 **MR. WOOD:** Not on that point, Your Honor.

09:12:59 3 **THE COURT:** You got up, and I don't want any
09:13:01 4 comment further at this point.

09:13:02 5 Now, the other point I want to make, because
09:13:05 6 we are in the examination of Mr. Musk, is that -- when we get
09:13:16 7 to recross, recross doesn't open the floodgates once again.
09:13:22 8 We spent -- I think he started testifying at 1:00 o'clock or
09:13:28 9 thereabouts on -- yesterday, finished at 5:00, it was a full
09:13:33 10 afternoon. I'm not setting time limits, but there are
09:13:38 11 limits.

09:13:39 12 So, when Mr. Spiro finishes his direct
09:13:52 13 examination, as I said, there can be recross, but the recross
09:13:55 14 only relates to any new matters that Mr. Spiro raised or any
09:14:02 15 matters that need some amplification.

09:14:06 16 There may have -- there may be that matter
09:14:11 17 that you brought to my attention at the end of your
09:14:16 18 cross-examination that I said you could raise, escapes me
09:14:22 19 right now, but it's a limited matter.

09:14:25 20 So, I'm going to bring the jury in here.
09:14:29 21 Let's get to it, make some progress.

09:14:32 22 **MR. WOOD:** Your Honor, I have an issue on a
09:14:34 23 different subject matter I want to bring up with you before
09:14:36 24 the jury comes in.

09:14:37 25 **THE COURT:** What is it?

09:14:38 1 **MR. WOOD:** I want to make a proffer about the
09:14:42 2 Judge's sustaining the objection to the question about
09:14:45 3 whether Tesla would hire a pedophile. I believe that I can
09:14:55 4 make a proffer for the record, and then the Judge -- you will
09:14:55 5 say "yes" or "no," and then I'll move on, but I need to make
09:14:56 6 a record on it before he steps down.

09:14:58 7 **THE COURT:** Don't make it now, because the jury
09:15:00 8 will come back. I will give you a full opportunity at the
09:15:03 9 next recess to make that proffer.

09:15:05 10 You may be seated.

09:15:06 11 Bring the jury in.

09:16:26 12 We can take appearances.

09:16:27 13 Can I state for the record, just to avoid the
09:16:31 14 niceties, the parties are present with counsel?

09:16:35 15 **MR. SPIRO:** Yes, Your Honor.

09:16:37 16 **THE COURT:** Everyone agree? Okay, done.

09:17:07 17 (Following proceedings were held in the presence
09:17:10 18 of the jury.)

09:17:10 19 **THE COURT:** Good morning, members of the jury.
09:17:15 20 Thank you very much for making a special effort on a nasty
09:17:18 21 morning to get here on time. I noticed that you all were
09:17:21 22 here on time, and everyone appreciates that.

09:17:23 23 We're ready to resume.

09:17:26 24 **MR. SPIRO:** Thank you.

09:17:26 25 DEFENDANT, ELON MUSK, PREVIOUSLY SWORN

09:17:26 1 DIRECT EXAMINATION

09:17:26 2 BY MR. SPIRO:

09:17:29 3 Q. Good morning, Mr. Musk.

09:17:30 4 A. Good morning.

09:17:31 5 Q. When we left off, we were talking about how you became

09:17:35 6 involved in the rescue operation in Thailand.

09:17:40 7 Can I ask you, did the Thai authorities know

09:17:42 8 you were coming to help?

09:17:44 9 A. Yes.

09:17:44 10 **MR. SPIRO:** And I would at this time have the

09:17:47 11 witness take a look at 529.

09:18:02 12 **THE WITNESS:** Shall I look in this book?

09:18:02 13 BY MR. SPIRO:

09:18:05 14 Q. Yes.

09:18:07 15 A. Okay.

09:18:08 16 **MR. WOOD:** No objections.

09:18:09 17 **MR. SPIRO:** And we would offer that with no

09:18:11 18 objection from the plaintiff.

09:18:14 19 **THE COURT:** Received.

09:18:15 20 (Exhibit No. 529 admitted into evidence.)

09:18:15 21 BY MR. SPIRO:

09:18:16 22 Q. 563, if you could take a look, Mr. Musk?

09:18:21 23 A. Yes. 529 and 563.

09:18:27 24 **MR. WOOD:** No objection.

09:18:27 25 **MR. SPIRO:** There is no objection from plaintiff.

09:18:29 1 **THE COURT:** Received.

09:18:30 2 (Exhibit No. 563 admitted into evidence.)

09:18:30 3 BY MR. SPIRO:

09:18:31 4 Q. And if you could look, Mr. Musk, at 336?

09:18:40 5 **MR. WOOD:** No objection.

09:18:46 6 **MR. SPIRO:** We would offer 336. No objection.

09:18:50 7 **THE COURT:** Received.

09:18:51 8 (Exhibit No. 336 received in evidence.)

09:18:53 9 BY MR. SPIRO:

09:18:53 10 Q. And then, after you were done assisting in any way you

09:18:57 11 could with the rescue operation, can you take a look at --

09:19:01 12 Well, did you receive thanks from the

09:19:03 13 government of Thailand?

09:19:05 14 A. Yes.

09:19:05 15 Q. Can you take a look at 645?

09:19:13 16 A. Yes.

09:19:15 17 **MR. SPIRO:** With no objection from plaintiff, I

09:19:18 18 would offer that.

09:19:29 19 **THE COURT:** Don't put it on the screen until there

09:19:32 20 is a --

09:19:32 21 **MR. SPIRO:** I think it was offered without

09:19:33 22 objection.

09:19:34 23 **THE COURT:** All right, then, it's received.

09:19:36 24 (Exhibit No. 645 received in evidence.)

09:19:37 25 **MR. SPIRO:** And 674.

09:19:41 1 BY MR. SPIRO:

09:19:41 2 Q. If you could take a look, Mr. Musk?

09:19:44 3 A. Yes.

09:19:45 4 **MR. WOOD:** No objection.

09:19:46 5 **THE COURT:** Received.

09:19:47 6 (Exhibit No. 674 received in evidence.)

09:19:48 7 BY MR. SPIRO:

09:19:48 8 Q. If we could put that briefly up on the screen.

09:19:57 9 Now, do you --

09:20:02 10 Can you just tell us briefly who on the
09:20:04 11 ground in Thailand you were in touch with, either by name or
09:20:08 12 designation?

09:20:09 13 A. We were in touch with a lot of people, but primarily
09:20:14 14 Rick Stanton.

09:20:16 15 **MR. SPIRO:** And then I would ask that 15, I
09:20:18 16 believe, we agreed yesterday that was coming in, be put up on
09:20:23 17 the screen.

09:20:27 18 (Discussion off the record.)

09:20:38 19 **MR. WOOD:** I have one issue with that document,
09:20:40 20 Your Honor.

09:20:40 21 **THE COURT:** Is there an objection?

09:20:41 22 **MR. WOOD:** Yes, there is.

09:20:43 23 **THE COURT:** One moment. Let me look at it.

09:21:19 24 **MR. SPIRO:** Your Honor, there is -- we've reached
09:21:20 25 an agreement, if it's okay with the Court. I'm not going to

09:21:23 1 show one page on it, and then I would just the witness a
09:21:26 2 couple of questions, and we can address --

09:21:28 3 **THE COURT:** Which page are you not going to show?

09:21:31 4 **MR. SPIRO:** The first page.

09:21:32 5 **THE COURT:** Okay. It's received except the first
09:21:35 6 page.

09:21:38 7 (Exhibit No. 15 received in evidence.)

09:21:39 8 BY MR. SPIRO:

09:21:40 9 Q. If we could go to the last page, not the first page.

09:21:43 10 **MR. WOOD:** Your Honor, there is -- they're
09:21:48 11 displaying something.

09:22:12 12 (Discussion held off the record.)

09:22:12 13 BY MR. SPIRO:

09:22:13 14 Q. So, if we could go to the page before this, that's up
09:22:16 15 on the screen. Not -- not that page.

09:22:33 16 Okay. So, we're going to do this by Bates
09:22:36 17 number just so it's easier.

09:22:37 18 **THE COURT:** We're now at Exhibit 15, and the
09:22:42 19 exhibit has numbered pages at the bottom. So, which page are
09:22:46 20 you referring to?

09:22:47 21 **MR. SPIRO:** So, we're going to --

09:23:07 22 If we could --

09:23:09 23 (Discussion off the record.)

09:23:12 24 **MR. SPIRO:** I think we've solved the technical
09:23:15 25 issue that plaintiff requested.

09:23:17 1 BY MR. SPIRO:

09:23:18 2 Q. So, at the bottom of 15-7 --

09:23:33 3 Are you there, Mr. Musk? Where Richard

09:23:36 4 Stanton e-mails you on the 8th of July.

09:23:39 5 A. Yes.

09:23:40 6 Q. And can you read what Mr. Stanton wrote to you?

09:23:42 7 A. "It is absolutely worth continuing with the

09:23:44 8 development of this system in as timely manner as possible --

09:23:50 9 as feasible. If the rain holds out, it may well be used."

09:23:55 10 Q. At the time he sent that e-mail, did you understand

09:23:58 11 what his role was in the rescue?

09:24:00 12 A. I understood that he was the lead of the rescue team.

09:24:08 13 Q. If you could turn now to 15-3, again, at the bottom of

09:24:27 14 the page.

09:24:36 15 A. Yes.

09:24:36 16 Q. And can you read what you wrote to Mr. Stanton on the

09:24:42 17 7th of July?

09:24:44 18 A. I said: "Okay, building both a pressure resistant

09:24:52 19 aluminium tube and a dry rubber cocoon. Baseline requirement

09:24:58 20 is that whether the person is passed out or having a panic

09:25:03 21 attack, it will still be fine.

09:25:04 22 "Also no stray hoses that can get caught or

09:25:07 23 anything or pulled out. Basically, a straightjacket with an

09:25:11 24 air feed. Is this roughly the right direction?"

09:25:15 25 Q. And if we could go to the 15-2, again, just the bottom

09:25:20 1 of the page.

09:25:21 2 A. From "good speaking"?

09:25:24 3 Q. Yes, your e-mail on July the 7th.

09:25:27 4 A. On July 7. "Good speaking. Earlier today I asked the
09:25:31 5 SpaceX space suit team to build a kid-size dry cocoon with
09:25:38 6 air tank in the nose that slowly breathes the air. 75-minute
7 capability."

8 **COURT REPORTER:** Would you slow down, please.

9 **THE WITNESS:** Im sorry. Okay.

10 BY MR. SPIRO:

11 Q. Especially on the technical words.

09:25:41 12 A. Absolutely. "Good Speaking. Earlier today, I asked
09:25:48 13 the SpaceX space suit team to build a kid-size dry cocoon
09:25:54 14 with an air tank in the nose that slowly breathes air"
09:25:59 15 parentheses "(75-minute capability) and a vent in the rear.

09:26:03 16 "As a fallback safety, there is a reg"
09:26:06 17 meaning a regulator "in the pod that Ts off the air tank."
09:26:11 18 It's a T joint is what it means.

09:26:15 19 "Usable envelope is 5-foot by 1.5-foot with a
09:26:20 20 roughly cigar shape (as you mentioned.)"

09:26:25 21 Q. If you could turn to 15-5, July 7th e-mail from Rick
09:26:37 22 Stanton to you.

09:26:38 23 A. Yes.

09:26:39 24 Q. Can you first read your e-mail and then Mr. Stanton's
09:26:43 25 response. So, you're reading your e-mail at 10:56 -- again,

09:26:50 1 the time stamps are obviously a bunch of different time
09:26:54 2 zones, but that timestamp, 10:56. That -- and your e-mail
09:26:59 3 before that is at 16:13. So you can read your e-mail and
09:27:01 4 then Mr. Stanton's response?

09:27:02 5 A. Okay. "Would it be possible to send me video segments
09:27:08 6 or several pictures of most difficult sections? This will be
09:27:12 7 extremely helpful."

09:27:13 8 Q. And what was his reply?

09:27:15 9 A. "We don't have this. It won't mean anything without
09:27:19 10 scale. If you make a capsule which tightly encloses a
09:27:25 11 15-year-old boy and no bigger, it will fit through."

09:27:34 12 Q. And then, just so the jury understands, were there
09:27:39 13 multiple pods or mini subs or just one?

09:27:46 14 A. There was one rigid, and we also made a flexible
09:27:52 15 submersible as a fallback measure.

09:27:54 16 Q. And I want you to turn to 15-3, the July 7th e-mail
09:28:04 17 from Rick Stanton. Did Mr. Stanton indicate to you in this
09:28:13 18 e-mail which mini sub he preferred or he suggested?

09:28:19 19 A. Yes. He was unequivocal that he wanted a rigid
09:28:24 20 submersible. His e-mail is: "I'm not sure about the rubber
09:28:30 21 cocoon as it would transmit pressure onto the child. Rigid
09:28:36 22 is better. Plus O2 as a breathing gas rather than air."

09:28:49 23 I should say, it was my understanding that he
09:28:52 24 had the best understanding of a cave system since he was the
09:28:56 25 one who found the kids. That's why I'm all the way there.

09:29:01 1 (Discussion held off the record.)

09:29:01 2 **MR. WOOD:** I object on Rule 802. Hearsay.

09:29:20 3 **THE COURT:** Wait, 15-3?

09:29:23 4 **MR. SPIRO:** No, no, we're talking about --

09:29:25 5 **THE COURT:** You can't keep talking to each other,

09:29:30 6 I mean, that's not the protocol.

09:29:31 7 Offer an exhibit, get a stipulation; and if

09:29:33 8 there isn't any, I'll rule.

09:29:41 9 **MR. SPIRO:** We would offer at this time 548 and --

09:29:49 10 548.

09:30:18 11 **MR. WOOD:** Objection. Rule of evidence --

09:30:21 12 **THE COURT:** 54 -- and what was the other one, 549

09:30:25 13 did you say?

09:30:26 14 **MR. SPIRO:** It's just 548 at this time.

09:30:29 15 **THE COURT:** What's the objection?

09:30:30 16 **MR. WOOD:** I'm sorry, 548 no objection.

09:30:33 17 **THE COURT:** 548 is in evidence.

09:30:35 18 (Exhibit No. 548 received in evidence.)

09:30:39 19 **MR. SPIRO:** And then I would offer 587 and 588.

09:30:58 20 **THE COURT:** I don't have anything in my book for

09:31:02 21 587 and -- 588 I do have.

09:31:07 22 **MR. WOOD:** No objection, Your Honor.

09:31:09 23 **THE COURT:** One moment. They're received.

09:31:11 24 (Exhibit Nos. 587 and 588 received in evidence.)

09:31:12 25 **MR. SPIRO:** At this time I'm asking for the

09:31:18 1 exhibit -- the video to be played, quickly.

09:31:20 2 **THE COURT:** You can on do that.

09:32:13 3 (Videotape viewed.)

09:33:00 4 BY MR. SPIRO:

09:33:01 5 Q. Mr. Musk, was that a video of your engineers and the
09:33:05 6 team testing the pod?

09:33:14 7 A. Yes.

09:33:14 8 Q. If you could take a look at Exhibit 597.

09:33:27 9 A. Yes.

09:33:27 10 Q. Is that a tweet you sent following your visit into the
09:33:37 11 cave?

09:33:38 12 A. Yes.

09:33:38 13 Q. And that's an accurate photograph of that tweet?

09:33:43 14 A. Yes. At the time I was not -- but yes.

09:33:48 15 **MR. SPIRO:** I would offer 597.

09:33:51 16 **THE COURT:** Received.

09:33:52 17 (Exhibit No. 597 admitted into evidence.)

09:33:52 18 BY MR. SPIRO:

09:33:52 19 Q. Can you just read that for the jury.

09:33:54 20 And if you could put that up on the screen.

09:33:58 21 A. "Just returned from Cave 3. Mini sub is ready if

09:34:03 22 needed. It is made of bracket parts and named Wild Boars

09:34:08 23 after kids' score team. Leaving here in case it may be

09:34:12 24 useful" -- meaning leaving it here in case it may be useful

09:34:17 25 in the future. "Thailand is so beautiful."

09:34:23 1 Q. And then I'm going to ask you to take a look at 579.

09:34:30 2 A. Okay.

09:34:33 3 Q. Do you recognize that?

09:34:35 4 A. Yes.

09:34:36 5 Q. And what is that?

09:34:38 6 A. They're my tweet there, but it says: "Thanks, but

09:34:44 7 we've not done anything useful yet. It is all other people."

09:34:44 8 **MR. WOOD:** No objection.

09:34:48 9 **MR. SPIRO:** That's in evidence, if it's okay with

09:34:51 10 the Court?

09:34:53 11 **THE COURT:** It's in evidence.

09:34:54 12 (Exhibit Nos. 579 admitted into evidence.)

09:34:54 13 BY MR. SPIRO:

09:34:55 14 Q. I was just asking you --

09:34:56 15 A. Should I read it?

09:34:58 16 Q. Read it, please.

09:34:59 17 A. "Thanks, but we've not done anything useful yet. It

09:35:03 18 is all other people."

09:35:19 19 Q. And if you could take a look at 596?

09:35:24 20 A. Yes.

09:35:26 21 Q. And can you tell us what that is?

09:35:31 22 A. Both tweets or just the highlighted one?

09:35:36 23 Q. Both tweets.

09:35:37 24 A. Okay. "Continue to be amazed by the bravery,

09:35:42 25 resilience and tenacity of the kids and diving team in

09:35:46 1 Thailand. Human character at its best." And the next tweet
09:35:51 2 is: "Great news that they made it out safely.

09:35:56 3 Congratulations to an outstanding rescue team."

09:35:58 4 Q. And are these accurate tweets?

09:36:01 5 A. Yes.

09:36:02 6 **MR. SPIRO:** We would offer that.

09:36:04 7 **THE COURT:** Received.

09:36:04 8 (Exhibit No. 596 received into evidence.)

09:36:04 9 BY MR. SPIRO:

09:36:04 10 Q. When you left Thailand, did any of your engineers
09:36:07 11 remain behind?

09:36:08 12 A. Yes, we have probably about 20, 25 engineers remained.

09:36:13 13 Q. And now that we've taken a look at your tweets, did
09:36:17 14 you try to take credit in any way, shape or form for the
09:36:23 15 rescue operation?

09:36:24 16 A. No, not at all.

09:36:25 17 Q. Now, you were asked some questions yesterday, and I'm
09:36:30 18 going to sort of divide this into categories so you can
09:36:34 19 follow. I'm going to refer to -- when there's people looking
09:36:38 20 for the kids in the cave, the search, and when they're trying
09:36:40 21 to extract the kids by driving in and saving them, the
09:36:42 22 rescue. Just to make it simple. Do you understand?

09:36:44 23 A. Yes.

09:36:44 24 Q. Okay. How many people did you understand were
09:36:47 25 involved in the search of the children, approximately, if you

09:36:50 1 can?

09:36:50 2 A. It seemed like hundreds.

09:36:52 3 Q. And how many people did you understand were involved
09:36:55 4 in the actual dive or rescue? If you have an understanding.

09:37:02 5 A. You mean the actual divers? Or how many went in the
09:37:06 6 cave -- how many divers went in the cave?

09:37:09 7 Q. I'm talking about the divers that -- I'm talking abut
09:37:12 8 the divers, the people that dove under water, saved the kids
09:37:17 9 and extracted them out.

09:37:17 10 A. Okay. I think at the beginning it was very small,
09:37:20 11 like, two to four people. I think Rick Stanton may have been
09:37:24 12 one of the guys, found the kids at the far side of the cave,
09:37:29 13 and then the dive rescue team got a lot bigger after that. I
09:37:36 14 think it may have been, like, in terms of actual divers, a
09:37:41 15 dozen or so? I'm not certain of the exact number. I think
09:37:45 16 there -- I think they're --

09:37:46 17 I'm not clear on the exact number. Maybe 10
09:37:48 18 to 20, by the end.

09:37:50 19 Q. And was it your understanding at any point later, you
09:37:54 20 already testified that when the CNN interview happens and the
09:37:57 21 tweet and response happens, you didn't know who Mr. Unsworth
09:38:03 22 was. Do you have an understanding now of which role Mr.
09:38:07 23 Unsworth was involved in?

09:38:10 24 A. It's not -- I don't have a clear understanding, but it
09:38:14 25 sounds like he helped coordinate the British divers coming to

09:38:21 1 Thailand. That's my understanding.

09:38:27 2 Q. Was he a diver?

09:38:31 3 A. No.

09:38:31 4 Q. Now, you also received some questions about whether or

09:38:36 5 not there was some criticisms of you or questions raised

09:38:40 6 about the genuineness of your efforts in Thailand. Do you

09:38:45 7 recall those questions?

09:38:46 8 A. Yes.

09:38:47 9 Q. Okay. Are you criticized frequently, Mr. Musk?

09:38:54 10 A. All the time.

09:38:55 11 Q. What was different in your mind about --

09:38:57 12 Well, can you sort of describe at that point

09:39:00 13 what you believed the criticism was or how prolific it was?

09:39:05 14 I'm saying separate from what Mr. Unsworth did on CNN.

09:39:11 15 A. I mean, there was some claims in the media that the

09:39:19 16 attempts to help were disingenuous and that maybe doing work

09:39:25 17 or something like that.

09:39:26 18 Q. What was different -- or what about Mr. Unsworth's

09:39:32 19 interview upset you?

09:39:35 20 A. Well, he denigrated the efforts of -- of my team. And

09:39:41 21 there are a lot of people who worked day and night to be

09:39:47 22 helpful, even when they knew that the probability of being

09:39:52 23 helpful was low, and that they cancelled their obligations,

09:39:58 24 you know, left their families behind, just worked day and

09:40:02 25 night to try to be helpful, and he denigrated their efforts

09:40:06 1 in a way that was completely inappropriate and wrong.

09:40:08 2 Q. Can you explain that a little bit more? In terms of

09:40:13 3 the words he used and how you responded to them?

09:40:16 4 A. Well, he said that it wouldn't work, whereas, we had

09:40:21 5 been told by Rick Stanton, the guy who had actually been on

09:40:26 6 the dive team, the lead diver, that it would work. So that

09:40:30 7 appeared to be a false statement.

09:40:31 8 He also said that we were thrown out of the

09:40:34 9 cave, the cave system, which was also a lie.

09:40:38 10 Q. And what about the manner in which he conducted at the

09:40:41 11 interview?

09:40:43 12 A. He was --

09:40:44 13 MR. WOOD: Objection as leading.

09:40:48 14 THE COURT: Overruled.

09:40:50 15 BY MR. SPIRO:

09:40:50 16 Q. You may continue, Mr. Musk.

09:40:52 17 A. He was extremely rude and contemptuous.

09:40:59 18 Q. Now, if we could put up the tweets, which is Exhibit

09:41:04 19 19. So, now, I understand that this is an exhibit in this

09:41:19 20 case, but how quickly, can you tell the jury, did you delete

09:41:23 21 these tweets?

09:41:24 22 A. Within hours of publishing them.

09:41:29 23 Q. Did you delete them as soon as you knew that the media

09:41:32 24 was covering this?

09:41:34 25 A. Yes. Well, and -- yes, yes, and -- yeah. A lot of

09:41:41 1 people said that, you know, probably you shouldn't write
09:41:44 2 that. So, I deleted it.

09:41:48 3 Q. And can you just -- just in your own words, just take
09:41:52 4 the jury through what you tweeted here?

09:41:55 5 A. Sure. I mean, rather than read it --

09:41:58 6 Q. Let me ask you this. Why don't you --

09:42:01 7 Yeah, if you could read the first sentence in
09:42:04 8 the way that you meant it.

09:42:06 9 A. Okay. Yeah, I'd say this was -- I was -- it was a
09:42:19 10 very much an off-the-cuff response. "Never saw this British
09:42:24 11 expat guy who lives in Thailand (sus) at any point when we
09:42:30 12 were in the caves."

09:42:30 13 Q. Let me stop you there.

09:42:30 14 A. Okay.

09:42:36 15 Q. The first sentence is: "Never" -- the first clause
09:42:37 16 is: "Never saw this British expat guy."

09:42:41 17 A. Yes.

09:42:41 18 Q. Do you claim in any of these tweets that you knew a
09:42:47 19 lot about the expat guy?

09:42:51 20 A. Never heard of him before. I thought he was just some
09:42:57 21 random expat guy living in Thailand.

09:43:01 22 Q. And then do you use shorthand in this?

09:43:08 23 A. Yes.

09:43:09 24 Q. What does "ob" mean?

09:43:13 25 A. "Obviously."

09:43:19 1 Q. Do you write: "I challenge this dude"?

09:43:27 2 A. Yeah. "I challenge this dude to a show a final rescue

09:43:31 3 video."

09:43:31 4 Q. Do you yet again give credit to others?

09:43:35 5 A. Yes. In fact, this was --

09:43:38 6 Really the pump and generator team deserve

09:43:44 7 immense credit here. This rescue would not have happened

09:43:48 8 without that. And nobody talks about them.

09:43:51 9 Q. What is: "No problemo" mean?

09:44:00 10 A. That's a phrase that Bart Simpson uses in the

09:44:03 11 Simpsons. I use it as a, sort of, joking phrase, "no

09:44:09 12 problemo."

09:44:09 13 Q. What is --

09:44:09 14 A. It's supposed to be cool, I suppose.

09:44:13 15 Q. What does that mean, though?

09:44:16 16 **MR. WOOD:** Objection, Your Honor.

09:44:18 17 **THE COURT:** Overruled.

09:44:18 18 **THE WITNESS:** It means "no problem." It's -- it's

09:44:20 19 a, I guess, like, it's sort of joking way of saying: Yeah --

09:44:29 20 yeah, I mean, you know, it would be easy, no problem.

09:44:33 21 BY MR. SPIRO:

09:44:36 22 Q. And what does: "You really did ask for it" mean?

09:44:43 23 A. Well, he -- "You really did ask for it" means that --

09:44:48 24 it was referring to an unprovoked attack on my team, and me

09:44:57 25 with a bunch of false statements, saying the sub wouldn't

09:45:02 1 work and that we were thrown out of the cave.

09:45:06 2 So, you know, he was rude and insulting, and
09:45:10 3 so, you know, I insulted him back. Just regrettable, but --

09:45:19 4 Q. And just so that everyone is clear, are you -- did you
09:45:23 5 sue Mr. Unsworth about any of his rude or inappropriate or
09:45:29 6 lie comments?

09:45:30 7 A. No.

09:45:36 8 Q. And then --

09:45:39 9 We have the wrong version, but just for
09:45:41 10 simplicity's sake, the: "Bet you a signed dollar it's true"
09:45:47 11 what does that mean?

09:45:47 12 **MR. WOOD:** Objection. Relevance, state of mind.

09:45:51 13 **THE COURT:** Overruled.

09:45:52 14 BY MR. SPIRO:

09:45:52 15 Q. Can you just explain to the jury what: "Bet you a
09:45:54 16 signed dollar it's true" means?

09:45:56 17 A. It just means that might be true, might not be true.
09:46:02 18 It's obviously a low-stakes wager. It's not -- certainly
09:46:06 19 not -- it -- it means, you know, it's not impossible.

09:46:10 20 Q. And you're not actually making a bet there, are you,
09:46:15 21 Mr. Musk?

09:46:16 22 A. No.

09:46:19 23 Q. And did you also delete that tweet immediately?

09:46:25 24 A. Yes.

09:46:25 25 Q. Now --

09:46:27 1 A. I mean, it's kind of like somebody says they're going
09:46:30 2 to Colorado a lot. It's possible, they have -- could have
09:46:35 3 gone for weed, you know. Maybe. Not -- not if they come
09:46:41 4 from California, though.

09:46:45 5 Q. Can you just tell the jury, just to have some sense,
09:46:47 6 about how long it took you to write those tweets?

09:46:50 7 A. Just minutes.

09:46:51 8 Q. And approximately how many tweets at the time were you
09:46:54 9 writing a month? If you have any idea? Can you estimate?

09:46:57 10 A. I don't know, maybe a hundred -- a hundred or 200.

09:47:02 11 Q. And just stepping aside from tweets for a second. Can
09:47:06 12 you just give the jury a sense of your -- just in a couple of
09:47:13 13 sentences how busy your schedule is or just what your
09:47:20 14 day-to-day is like?

09:47:21 15 A. Yeah. It's very extreme work schedule, it's usually,
09:47:25 16 like, 80 to 100 hours a week on SpaceX and Tesla primarily.
09:47:31 17 It's a very difficult work schedule. Wouldn't recommend it.
09:47:35 18 Umm, yeah.

09:47:36 19 Q. How many companies are you in charge of at this point?

09:47:42 20 A. Well, the hour -- in SpaceX and Tesla, and I'm also
09:47:48 21 the chief engineer of SpaceX, so I lead the design of the
09:47:52 22 rockets and the design of the cars. But that's like 95
09:47:57 23 percent of my time. Oren Company and Neuralink are --
09:48:03 24 they're very small companies, and I don't have, really, a
09:48:07 25 strong day-to-day role there.

09:48:08 1 Q. Now, Mr. Musk, when you were writing these tweets,
09:48:12 2 were you accusing Mr. Unsworth of the crime of pedophilia?
09:48:18 3 A. Absolutely not.
09:48:19 4 Q. Do you even use Mr. Unsworth's name in these tweets?
09:48:25 5 A. No.
09:48:25 6 Q. You were asked a bunch of questions yesterday about
09:48:29 7 when the first time you explained that this was an insult.
09:48:34 8 Was it obvious to you from the moment you said it that it was
09:48:37 9 an assault?
09:48:38 10 A. I thought it was very obviously just an insult.
09:48:41 11 Q. And did other questions were --
09:48:44 12 The first time you ever publicly said what
09:48:48 13 these tweets meant to you was not until your deposition.
09:48:52 14 Remember some questions about that?
09:48:54 15 A. Yes.
09:48:54 16 Q. Well, did you ever have a press conference about the
09:48:59 17 tweets?
09:48:59 18 A. No.
09:48:59 19 Q. Did you ever issue, you know, a statement about the
09:49:02 20 tweets, other than the apology we talked about?
09:49:05 21 A. No.
09:49:06 22 Q. Did you give interviews on CNN about the tweets?
09:49:09 23 A. No.
09:49:09 24 Q. Okay. When was the first time you were ever asked
09:49:12 25 what you meant by the tweets?

09:49:14 1 A. At the deposition.

09:49:16 2 Q. And what did you say then?

09:49:18 3 A. I said it was meant as an insult in response to his

09:49:23 4 insults.

09:49:25 5 Q. You were asked some questions about --

09:49:31 6 You don't call --

09:49:33 7 Is it correct that you don't call Mr.

09:49:36 8 Unsworth a pedophile?

09:49:39 9 A. That is correct.

09:49:40 10 Q. And what -- what is a pedophile in your mind?

09:49:42 11 A. A pedophile could be someone -- well, it could be

09:49:45 12 either someone who has a state of mind of -- of a pedophile

09:49:52 13 or the crime itself.

09:49:54 14 Q. So, focusing on --

09:49:55 15 When you say the state of mind --

09:49:57 16 A. It's possible that somebody could be a pedophile but

09:50:00 17 not act upon it; meaning, they could have an unhealthy

09:50:06 18 interest in children but not act upon it.

09:50:09 19 Q. Okay. And did you ever -- just to be very specific --

09:50:12 20 did you ever accuse Mr. Unsworth of the act or crime of

09:50:18 21 pedophilia?

09:50:19 22 A. No.

09:50:22 23 Q. You were asked a question about the Cora article that

09:50:32 24 you posted in your apology tweet.

09:50:35 25 A. Yes.

09:50:35 1 Q. Why did you post that article?

09:50:37 2 A. It was a -- mostly accurate recounting of the events

09:50:43 3 of the -- of what happened in Thailand and what the team had

09:50:48 4 done to aid in the rescue.

09:50:51 5 Q. And why were you concerned about the team?

09:50:55 6 A. Well, they'd put a lot of blood, sweat and tears into

09:51:00 7 trying to help out, and we got nothing but criticism for it.

09:51:04 8 Q. And what do you mean when you say "unreasonable

09:51:08 9 grief"?

09:51:09 10 A. Well, my -- my comments caused grief to -- to a lot of

09:51:15 11 people, that -- it -- it was definitely hurtful to my team.

09:51:25 12 And, you know, obviously hurtful to Mr. Unsworth. It was --

09:51:31 13 it was -- it was not helpful, I mean, just goes to show that,

09:51:37 14 you know, some --

09:51:38 15 It's kind of like, you know, my mom used to

09:51:41 16 say: If somebody insults you, just let -- let it go.

09:51:41 17 Don't -- you know...

09:51:48 18 **MR. SPIRO:** I'm going to show the witness or ask

09:51:49 19 that the witness look at Exhibit 25. It should be in your

09:51:57 20 binder.

09:51:57 21 BY MR. SPIRO:

09:52:03 22 Q. Right around this time in mid July, was the media

09:52:08 23 reporting that Mr. Unsworth was planning to sue you?

09:52:13 24 **MR. WOOD:** Objection.

09:52:14 25 **THE WITNESS:** I'm sorry, I don't have 25.

09:52:16 1 BY MR. SPIRO:

09:52:17 2 Q. Forget 25.

09:52:18 3 A. Okay.

09:52:18 4 **MR. WOOD:** Objection. Leading.

09:52:19 5 BY MR. SPIRO:

09:52:20 6 Q. Did you know whether or not Mr. Unsworth was planning

09:52:22 7 to sue you in the middle of July?

09:52:24 8 A. Yes. He said so on CNN, I believe, or on some radio

09:52:30 9 news channel.

09:52:31 10 Q. Were there articles that came out about Mr. Unsworth's

09:52:34 11 intent to sue you?

09:52:35 12 A. Yes.

09:52:36 13 Q. Can you look at Exhibit 25? If you don't --

09:52:42 14 A. Should I -- I'm not sure I have it. I'm at 24.

09:52:46 15 Q. I can pass up a copy. Not through the well, of

09:52:51 16 course.

09:52:51 17 A. Twenty-four?

09:52:56 18 **COURT CLERK:** Counsel, you said Exhibit 25?

09:52:59 19 **THE WITNESS:** I have 24 and 26. Umm, yeah,

09:53:18 20 unfortunately, not 25.

09:53:20 21 **COURT CLERK:** There is no 25.

09:53:28 22 **THE COURT:** Well, 25 appears to be the Guardian

09:53:31 23 article; is that right?

09:53:34 24 **MR. SPIRO:** Yes.

09:53:34 25 BY MR. SPIRO:

09:53:34 1 Q. Do you remember --

09:53:34 2 Let me come back to this.

09:53:36 3 Do you remember a specific article the

09:53:38 4 Guardian wrote, or do you not --

09:53:40 5 A. Yeah, I remember the Guardian writing some article

09:53:46 6 saying that Mr. Unsworth was going to sue me. And there

09:53:48 7 were, I think, quite a few articles, yeah.

09:53:51 8 Q. I'm going to ask, while we gather the Guardian

09:53:56 9 article, if you could take a look at Exhibit 630. If you

09:54:11 10 could look at the bigger binder.

09:54:13 11 A. Yes, I got it.

09:54:14 12 Q. Were people talking about the fact that Mr. Unsworth

09:54:19 13 was going to sue you on social media?

09:54:22 14 A. Yes.

09:54:30 15 **MR. WOOD:** We do have an objection.

09:54:31 16 **MR. SPIRO:** This is something that maybe we could

09:54:33 17 visit at the break.

09:54:33 18 BY MR. SPIRO:

09:54:35 19 Q. But is -- is it fair to say that 6 -- Exhibit 630,

09:54:39 20 without reading it, it's not in evidence -- but just to put a

09:54:42 21 pin on it, the -- is an example of an individual talking

09:54:48 22 about the fact that you're likely to be sued, and linking to

09:54:51 23 an article? Without telling us who it was.

09:54:53 24 **MR. WOOD:** Objection, Your Honor. He's trying to

09:54:56 25 get the exhibit information in.

09:54:57 1 **THE COURT:** I think --

09:54:57 2 The objection will be sustained. We can take
09:55:01 3 it up later.

09:55:03 4 BY MR. SPIRO:

09:55:03 5 Q. Now, just to keep the timeline straight, we're going
09:55:28 6 to put up the calendar.

09:55:33 7 **THE COURT:** All right, just for demonstrative
09:55:35 8 purposes.

09:55:35 9 **MR. SPIRO:** Basing on my direct. I'm not very
09:55:38 10 mobile right now.

09:55:39 11 But the jury is familiar hopefully with the
09:55:42 12 month of July.

09:55:58 13 BY MR. SPIRO:

09:55:59 14 Q. All right. So, if we can take a look and put up on
09:56:03 15 the screen 62, that is in evidence.

09:56:14 16 And I'm going to clear my -- okay.

09:56:21 17 We talked about the tweets on the 15th, Mr.
09:56:30 18 Musk?

09:56:30 19 A. Yes.

09:56:30 20 Q. And the apology, right in the middle of July, and we
09:56:35 21 spoke about some of the media attention.

09:56:37 22 When did, as you understand it, James Howard
09:56:41 23 reach out to your office? If you know?

09:56:43 24 A. Yes, he reached out shortly after the tweets.

09:56:48 25 Q. Okay. And do you know when, Mr. Musk, in August, your

09:57:06 1 office began communicating with Mr. Howard?

09:57:16 2 A. I -- I'm not sure of the exact date, but I think it

09:57:20 3 was -- it would have been perhaps mid August or thereabouts.

09:57:25 4 I'm not sure actually when --

09:57:28 5 I don't know when that day would have -- but

09:57:30 6 my understanding is mid August.

09:57:33 7 Q. And so, fair to say, on the 18th, 19th, 20th of July,

09:57:41 8 23rd of July, despite the media reports about the lawsuit,

09:57:45 9 you did not reach out to Mr. Howard. Is that accurate?

09:57:52 10 A. That's correct.

09:57:53 11 Q. Was anything that Mr. Howard told Mr. Birchall, who

09:58:01 12 repeated some of it to you, was it -- was it in your mind on

09:58:06 13 July 15th, back in time?

09:58:09 14 **MR. WOOD:** Objection, Your Honor. That goes to

09:58:11 15 the substance of what Mr. Howard said, which is not what we

09:58:14 16 put into evidence for. State of mind.

09:58:16 17 **THE COURT:** I thought the question was what

09:58:19 18 Birchall said Howard said to Birchall.

09:58:23 19 Was that the way you framed the question?

09:58:26 20 **MR. SPIRO:** Yes, Your Honor.

09:58:27 21 **THE COURT:** The objection is overruled.

09:58:28 22 BY MR. SPIRO:

09:58:29 23 Q. So, was any of the stuff, to put it another way, that

09:58:30 24 you learned later in August, was it in your mind somehow on

09:58:34 25 July 15th when you sent that tweet?

09:58:38 1 A. No.

09:58:38 2 Q. Would that even be possible?

09:58:40 3 A. No, it's impossible.

09:58:52 4 Q. Now, just so the jury understands, you were asked some

09:58:57 5 questions about Jared Birchall and what his roles were at the

09:59:01 6 various companies. Can you just explain to the jury what his

09:59:05 7 role is?

09:59:05 8 A. He manages my family office.

09:59:08 9 Q. Okay. Does he serve as the CEO or any active role in

09:59:13 10 any company?

09:59:13 11 A. No.

09:59:14 12 Q. And when you say he manages your family office, can

09:59:17 13 you just explain --

09:59:20 14 Strike that.

09:59:20 15 If you could take a look at 656 --

09:59:36 16 A. Yes.

09:59:36 17 **MR. WOOD:** I have an objection to 656.

09:59:40 18 **THE COURT:** Let me see it.

09:59:40 19 **MR. WOOD:** I'll withdraw that objection, Your

09:59:50 20 Honor.

09:59:52 21 **THE COURT:** 656 is received if you're offering it.

09:59:55 22 **MR. SPIRO:** Yes, Your Honor.

09:59:56 23 **THE COURT:** It's received.

09:59:57 24 (Exhibit No. 656 received in evidence.)

10:00:13 25 BY MR. SPIRO:

10:00:13 1 Q. Is there any doubt in your mind that when you hired or
10:00:17 2 when Mr. Birchall hired Mr. Howard, the investigator, that
10:00:20 3 you were facing likely imminent lawsuit?

10:00:25 4 A. Yes.

10:00:27 5 Q. Let me --

10:00:29 6 The question was not a good one.

10:00:33 7 Are you certain that when you hired
10:00:36 8 Mr. Howard, the investigator, that you were aware that you
10:00:40 9 were facing an imminent lawsuit?

10:00:47 10 A. Yes. It was in response to the imminent lawsuit that
10:00:51 11 he was engaged.

10:00:53 12 Q. When you say in later July -- later August: "It's
10:01:10 13 strange he hasn't sued me, and that he was offered free legal
10:01:15 14 services." Do you remember that tweet?

10:01:17 15 A. Yes.

10:01:17 16 Q. When you said that tweet, were you already receiving
10:01:21 17 information from Mr. Birchall, from Mr. Howard, back to you?

10:01:25 18 A. Sorry, what date is that?

10:01:28 19 Q. August 28?

10:01:29 20 A. Yes, I received some information from Mr. Birchall
10:01:34 21 that sounded very -- sounded like potentially that there was
10:01:39 22 some bad things going on.

10:01:43 23 Q. And in that tweet you indicate: "He was offered free
10:01:50 24 legal services." Right?

10:01:52 25 A. Yes.

10:01:52 1 Q. The fact that he was offered legal services was on
10:01:56 2 your mind.

10:01:56 3 A. Yes.

10:02:07 4 Q. Right around that same time you were shown --

10:02:11 5 **MR. SPIRO:** And I'm going to show the witness now,
10:02:21 6 69 -- 933.

10:02:29 7 **MR. WOOD:** No objection.

10:02:31 8 **THE COURT:** Received.

10:02:32 9 (Exhibit No. 933 received in evidence.)

10:02:35 10 BY MR. SPIRO:

10:02:35 11 Q. And if you could just look at the top.

10:02:38 12 When you write: "The reporter. Off the
10:02:42 13 record." What does that mean?

10:02:44 14 A. "Off the record" means not for publication.

10:02:47 15 **MR. WOOD:** Objection, Your Honor.

10:02:49 16 **THE COURT:** Overruled.

10:02:53 17 **THE WITNESS:** It just means not for publication,
10:02:57 18 in any way.

10:02:58 19 BY MR. SPIRO:

10:03:00 20 Q. And at this point, did you believe the information
10:03:04 21 that you put in this e-mail was information you received from
10:03:09 22 Mr. Howard to Mr. Birchall?

10:03:11 23 A. Yes.

10:03:11 24 Q. Is all the information you put in this e-mail
10:03:16 25 consistent with the information you believe, again, from

10:03:19 1 Mr. Howard to Mr. Birchall to you?

10:03:21 2 A. Yes.

10:03:22 3 Q. If we can go to the prior e-mails. Let's go down to

10:03:28 4 the beginning.

10:03:33 5 Okay. So, August 29th, you get the first

10:03:37 6 e-mail. Do you see that?

10:03:39 7 A. Yes.

10:03:39 8 Q. Okay. If we can go down, and you respond. And then

10:03:50 9 August 29th, again, and he writes: "Actually, he prefers to

10:03:59 10 be called a spelunker, and we've confirmed that he actually

10:04:05 11 does do cave diving."

10:04:10 12 Go up.

10:04:11 13 And any messages you --

10:04:12 14 You don't respond, right? August 29?

10:04:14 15 A. Correct. Yes.

10:04:16 16 Q. And does he follow up here again?

10:04:19 17 A. Yes.

10:04:19 18 **MR. SPIRO:** And then I'm going to show the witness

10:04:25 19 688.

10:04:27 20 **MR. WOOD:** No objection.

10:04:42 21 **THE COURT:** Received.

10:04:43 22 (Exhibit No. 688 received in evidence.)

10:04:46 23 **MR. SPIRO:** Can you put 688 up on the board? This

10:04:51 24 is not 688.

10:04:51 25 (Discussion held off the record.)

10:05:03 1 **MR. SPIRO:** I'm being told my underlining is not
10:05:06 2 very good. So, I'll do it one more time.

10:05:12 3 BY MR. SPIRO:

10:05:13 4 Q. One more time. Let me ask you this, Mr. Musk. When
10:05:16 5 you were on -- when Mr. Lin was examining you, Lin Wood,
10:05:23 6 excuse me, Mr. Wood was examining you, did he show you this
10:05:27 7 e-mail?

10:05:28 8 A. I don't recall. I don't think so.

10:05:38 9 Q. On the same day did you also send this e-mail to the
10:05:43 10 reporter?

10:05:44 11 A. Yes.

10:05:45 12 Q. And what does that e-mail say?

10:05:48 13 A. This is -- this is on background, which means just,
10:05:53 14 not for attribution, but it's just -- these are the facts
10:05:56 15 that should be cleared up. So, this -- this can be
10:06:00 16 published, but it just -- I don't want them having me -- as a
10:06:03 17 quote. It's just information on background. So -- as
10:06:08 18 opposed to the other e-mail, which was not for publication.
10:06:15 19 These facts could be used in publication.

10:06:18 20 Should I read the e-mail or --

10:06:20 21 Q. It's in evidence. I don't think we need to do that at
10:06:24 22 this time.

10:06:24 23 A. Okay.

10:06:25 24 Q. Subsequent to August 30th, okay, at some point in
10:06:30 25 September --

10:06:32 1 Remember, we're going to go chronologically,
10:06:34 2 right? So, now we're in September.
10:06:36 3 A. Yes.
10:06:36 4 Q. At a later point in time, did you come to have
10:06:42 5 concerns about the reliability of Mr. Howard?
10:06:44 6 A. Yes.
10:06:44 7 Q. Okay. And as you sit here today, all this information
10:06:49 8 that you had --
10:06:51 9 Again, in July 15, did you know anything
10:06:54 10 about Mr. Unsworth?
10:06:55 11 A. Nothing.
10:06:56 12 Q. Late August, did you believe you knew something about
10:07:00 13 Mr. Unsworth?
10:07:00 14 A. Yes.
10:07:01 15 Q. Now, we're in September. At that point in time in
10:07:06 16 September, did you -- in your own mind -- did you begin to
10:07:12 17 have concerns about the reliability of Mr. Howard?
10:07:14 18 A. Yes.
10:07:15 19 Q. And did eventually you instruct Mr. Birchall to
10:07:20 20 withdraw and have no further contact with him?
10:07:22 21 A. Yes.
10:07:25 22 Q. You were asked a lot of questions about --
10:07:34 23 Mr. Wood asked you a bunch of questions
10:07:36 24 about, you know: "Mr. Unsworth separated from his wife. He
10:07:39 25 met his companion Tik in a coffee shop."

10:07:45 1 Do you remember those questions?

10:07:45 2 A. Yes.

10:07:46 3 Q. Okay. As you sit here today, you don't know. Right?

10:07:49 4 A. I don't know for -- I don't know if those are -- if

10:07:52 5 that's actually true or not.

10:07:53 6 Q. Right. You still, as you sit here today, you don't

10:07:56 7 know -- you don't have any information about the personal

10:08:00 8 background of Mr. Unsworth?

10:08:02 9 A. I mean, I've heard people say some things, but I do

10:08:06 10 not know if those things are true or not.

10:08:10 11 **MR. SPIRO:** Just a moment, Your Honor.

10:08:24 12 (Discussion off the record.)

10:08:24 13 BY MR. SPIRO:

10:08:25 14 Q. And just -- finally, the apologies you've made to Mr.

10:08:37 15 Unsworth, you apologized right after the tweets?

10:08:41 16 A. Yes.

10:08:41 17 Q. You apologized at his deposition?

10:08:43 18 A. Yes.

10:08:44 19 Q. You apologized yesterday in court?

10:08:46 20 A. Yes.

10:08:46 21 Q. Are those genuine apologies?

10:08:52 22 A. Yes.

10:08:53 23 **MR. SPIRO:** I have nothing further.

10:08:54 24 **THE COURT:** Recross.

10:08:55 25 **MR. SPIRO:** With those issues, of course, we can

10:08:58 1 address --

10:08:59 2 **THE COURT:** Yes.

10:09:01 3 **MR. WOOD:** May I proceed, Your Honor?

10:09:03 4 **THE COURT:** Yes.

10:09:08 5 RECROSS-EXAMINATION

10:09:08 6 BY MR. WOOD:

10:09:09 7 Q. Mr. Musk, if would you turn to 201.

10:09:12 8 If you could put it on the screen for me.

10:09:15 9 A. Sorry. Do you mean -- of the large --

10:09:20 10 Q. In the notebook of exhibits.

10:09:23 11 I'm sorry, he needs to have a trial exhibit

10:09:26 12 notebook.

10:09:29 13 **THE COURT:** Is 201 in evidence?

10:09:31 14 **MR. WOOD:** It is, but I wanted him to look at it.

10:09:33 15 **COURT CLERK:** It came in yesterday.

10:09:35 16 **THE COURT:** I see. He can look at it on the

10:09:37 17 screen.

10:09:37 18 **THE WITNESS:** Yeah, sure.

10:09:38 19 BY MR. WOOD:

10:09:39 20 Q. I want to make sure to pull it up on the screen.

10:09:41 21 A. Sure.

10:09:53 22 Q. When you just testified that your apologies were

10:09:57 23 genuine, you were talking about, including the apology that

10:10:03 24 you put on Twitter on or about July 17th or 18th, true?

10:10:12 25 A. That was the first of the three apologies, yes.

10:10:19 1 Q. You wanted Mr. Unsworth to know that you were sorry,
10:10:24 2 true?

10:10:25 3 A. Yes.

10:10:25 4 Q. How was he going to know that?

10:10:27 5 A. Well, where I said I apologized to Mr. Unsworth and to
10:10:31 6 the company representatives later.

10:10:32 7 Q. Mr. Musk, do you have any evidence or knowledge to
10:10:38 8 suggest that Vern Unsworth was ever on Twitter?

10:10:47 9 A. I don't, but anything that I say on Twitter, most
10:10:50 10 things that I say on Twitter will generally get some press
10:10:54 11 awareness.

10:10:56 12 Q. So, if you wanted --

10:11:01 13 Mr. Unsworth, in what he stated in his
10:11:04 14 interview about your tube, did not state it on Twitter, did
10:11:10 15 he?

10:11:10 16 A. No, he's -- he stated it on a CNN interview.

10:11:16 17 Q. So, there is obviously a disconnect, potentially,
10:11:22 18 between whether Mr. Unsworth would even see the apology,
10:11:27 19 given that he does not have a Twitter account, and he did not
10:11:32 20 have it in July of 2018?

10:11:35 21 A. I think that's unlikely as there are -- as was shown,
10:11:44 22 my original insult that was reported, and the apology was
10:11:49 23 also reported. So, I mean, if I -- if I write something on
10:11:54 24 Twitter, it will get reported, generally.

10:11:56 25 Q. So, you expected with both the "pedo guy" tweet on

10:12:05 1 Twitter, you knew at the time you made it then, and you
10:12:08 2 expected at the time you made the apology that your tweets
10:12:13 3 were going to get widespread publicity. True?
10:12:16 4 A. They're going to get some publicity, yeah.
10:12:21 5 Q. Well, more publicity than they would get in terms of
10:12:25 6 just the Twitter world, true?
10:12:27 7 A. Yes.
10:12:28 8 Q. You expected they would get publicity beyond the
10:12:32 9 people on Twitter, true?
10:12:36 10 A. Yes.
10:12:36 11 Q. Both with respect to the apology -- you made that
10:12:44 12 assumption, right?
10:12:44 13 A. Yes.
10:12:45 14 Q. That Mr. Unsworth would find out about it on media
10:12:49 15 reports outside of Twitter, right?
10:12:51 16 A. Yeah, since the original -- my insult response to Mr.
10:12:56 17 Unsworth's insults and lies were -- was on Twitter, it seemed
10:13:04 18 appropriate that the apology should also be on Twitter. It's
10:13:06 19 the same -- if that would make sense. I think it would be
10:13:10 20 odd if the insults was on Twitter, and then the apology was
10:13:15 21 in a completely different medium.
10:13:18 22 Q. "Mr. Unsworth, what you said was an insult about the
10:13:21 23 tube on CNN." That was not published by Mr. Unsworth on
10:13:26 24 Twitter by Mr. Unsworth.
10:13:28 25 A. Not by Mr. Unsworth, no, but by others.

10:13:31 1 Q. Right. If there was a Twitter brawl involving you and
10:13:35 2 some other individual on Twitter over your "pedo guy"
10:13:43 3 comments, it would not have been a brawl on Twitter that Mr.
10:13:47 4 Unsworth ever engaged in. He was not on Twitter. Right?
10:13:50 5

MR. SPIRO: Objection. Form. Assumes facts. He
10:13:54 6 said he doesn't know whether he's on Twitter.

MR. WOOD: There will be testimony he was not,
10:13:58 8 Your Honor.

THE COURT: Well, let that come in if it's going
10:14:02 10 to be presented. But I'll sustain the objection.

MR. WOOD: May I have just a moment, Your Honor?

THE COURT: Yes.

BY MR. WOOD:

Q. You went over with Mr. Spiro some of the e-mails and a
10:15:01 15 video related to the development of the mini submarine,
10:15:08 16 right?

A. Yes.

MR. WOOD: I'm going to ask the witness to look at
10:15:19 19 Exhibit 252, 262, 269, 270, 271 and 263.

That's why I'm asking him to look so he can
10:15:58 21 object if he wants to.

(Discussion off the record.)

MR. SPIRO: Your Honor, I understand that's a long
10:16:28 24 series of different tweets. If it's the words of Mr. Musk in
10:16:32 25 and around that time, that, we have no objection to that.

10:16:35 1 **THE COURT:** Well, all I can do is respond to an
10:16:42 2 objection or a stipulation.

10:16:44 3 Are you agreeing that these documents as
10:16:49 4 cited by counsel can be in evidence?

10:16:51 5 **MR. SPIRO:** As for the statements of Mr. Musk,
10:16:53 6 yes.

10:16:53 7 **THE COURT:** All right, then, received for that
10:16:55 8 purpose.

10:15:21 9 (Exhibit Nos. 252, 262, 269, 270, 271 and 263
10:17:03 10 admitted into evidence.)

10:17:03 11 **THE WITNESS:** So -- a lot of numbers. Are we on
10:17:05 12 the screen or which --

10:17:09 13 BY MR. WOOD:

10:17:11 14 Q. We'll go through them one at a time and let you look
10:17:14 15 at them.

10:17:14 16 A. Yes.

10:17:15 17 Q. Do you remember tweeting 252?

10:17:20 18 A. Yes.

10:17:20 19 Q. And then, if you would, continue with that grid. Do
10:17:34 20 you remember tweeting that second page in front of you?

10:17:38 21 A. Yeah.

10:17:38 22 Q. And then the next page. Do you remember tweeting
10:17:45 23 these tweets on July the 10th, July the 8th, July the 11th?

10:17:54 24 A. Not sure -- I mean, yeah --

10:17:57 25 I don't remember every tweet. There are

10:17:58 1 thousands of tweets. But if you show them, then, sure, like
10:18:02 2 it helps to recall them.

10:18:03 3 Q. And then the next page, of 252, those are your tweets
10:18:10 4 on July the 8th? One or more being maybe July the 10th and
10:18:15 5 July the 11th. Those are the tweets that you posted, true?

10:18:20 6 A. Yeah.

10:18:20 7 Q. Same thing with the next page, tweets of July the 11th
10:18:24 8 and 10th?

10:18:27 9 A. Yeah.

10:18:28 10 Q. Same thing with the next page, tweets of July 11, July
10:18:33 11 10, you tweeted those on those dates?

10:18:39 12 A. Yes.

10:18:40 13 Q. Same thing with respect to the tweets on the last page
10:18:44 14 of 252, July 8, 10, and 11, those are your tweets made on
10:18:50 15 those dates?

10:18:52 16 A. Yes.

10:18:52 17 Q. And in all of those, you're essentially tweeting about
10:18:56 18 the development of the tube, right?

10:18:58 19 A. Not all of them.

10:19:00 20 Q. A number of them were about the development of the
10:19:05 21 tube. True?

10:19:07 22 A. You seem to be listing just the -- all the tweets that
10:19:11 23 I've made of those times. Some of it was related to the
10:19:14 24 tube, some of it was not.

10:19:16 25 Q. And then if you'd look at 262, first page, those

10:19:24 1 tweets related to your development of the tube on July the
10:19:27 2 7th, and --

10:19:30 3 A. Yeah.

10:19:31 4 Q. Yeah, that's July the 7th. And the next page more
10:19:37 5 tweets related to the development of the tube on July the 7th
10:19:40 6 that you posted. True?

10:19:44 7 A. Yes.

10:19:44 8 Q. And the next page, tweets that you posted on July the
10:19:50 9 7th, again, related to your efforts to develop -- build,
10:19:54 10 create, develop the tube, true?

10:19:57 11 A. Yes.

10:19:58 12 Q. And the next page, again July 7th, tweets related to
10:20:03 13 your being involved in building the tube, true?

10:20:06 14 A. Yes. I was looking for feedback from the public to
10:20:09 15 see if there's any improvements they could suggest.

10:20:14 16 Q. Thank you. Right now I'm just asking you, did you
10:20:16 17 make these tweets?

10:20:17 18 A. Yes.

10:20:18 19 Q. Did you make the tweets on the next page --

10:20:18 20 A. Yes.

10:20:20 21 Q. -- on July the 7th. Those are your tweets about the
10:20:26 22 tube?

10:20:26 23 A. Yes.

10:20:31 24 Q. And the next page?

10:20:35 25 A. I mean, I tweet a lot. In general.

10:20:39 1 Q. I'm just talking about the amount of tweets you did
10:20:42 2 regarding your development of the tube from July the 7th to
10:20:46 3 July the 11th. That's what I'm asking you about.

10:20:49 4 And then look at 269. Again, that's a tweet
10:21:01 5 that you posted on July the 8th about the tube?

10:21:05 6 A. Yes.

10:21:06 7 Q. 270. And I apologize, Mr. Musk, there is a picture
10:21:17 8 there. Did you post a video, the one that you showed in
10:21:20 9 court, or is that just a photograph from the video?

10:21:23 10 A. I believe that's the video that was shown.

10:21:25 11 Q. So, you -- the video that was shown in court today
10:21:29 12 about the efforts to go from one end of the swimming pool to
10:21:33 13 the other with a person in it, that your counsel played in
10:21:38 14 court today.

10:21:39 15 A. Yes.

10:21:39 16 Q. You posted that video in its entirety on your Twitter
10:21:43 17 page on July the 8th; am I right?

10:21:46 18 A. Yes. As I mentioned, I was looking for feedback from
10:21:52 19 the public as to how we might improve the design.

10:21:57 20 Q. So, you were hoping to get this -- significant input
10:22:01 21 from the public to help you build this tube in time to save
10:22:05 22 the boys? Is that what you're telling me?

10:22:07 23 A. Yeah. I frequently solicit feedback from the public
10:22:12 24 on many things, the Tesla car design, even some of the rocket
10:22:17 25 stuff.

10:22:18 1 There are some pretty smart people out there,
10:22:21 2 and they have some good feedback. In fact, I would say,
10:22:32 3 like, we've incorporated quite a lot of public feedback from
10:22:38 4 Twitter into Tesla vehicle design.

10:22:49 5 Q. So, would you agree with me that appearing from
10:22:53 6 Twitter that between the 7th and 9th, 10th of July, you were
10:23:04 7 tweeting extensively about your efforts regarding the tube --
10:23:09 8 I understand that you tell us it was to get input from the
10:23:11 9 public. I understand that.

10:23:12 10 A. Yes.

10:23:12 11 Q. But you were tweeting extensively to get out to the
10:23:18 12 public all of your efforts in SpaceX efforts to build the
10:23:22 13 tube. True?

10:23:25 14 A. Yes, I was trying to get feedback from the public as
10:23:28 15 to how we might improve the design.

10:23:31 16 Q. And you were tweeting extensively for that purpose,
10:23:34 17 right?

10:23:35 18 A. Yes. As I said, I do this in general for many things
10:23:43 19 that we're working on, work on SpaceX and Tesla. It's great
10:23:48 20 to get feedback from the public.

10:23:50 21 Q. And you gave in response to Mr. Spiro your
10:23:54 22 understanding of what "pedophilia" is or what it refers to,
10:23:58 23 on direct, right?

10:24:01 24 A. Upon me --

10:24:02 25 Q. He asked you about your understanding of what

10:24:05 1 "pedophilia" was.

10:24:07 2 A. Yes.

10:24:07 3 Q. And if you'll remind me, please, and the jury, what

10:24:10 4 did you say it was?

10:24:11 5 A. It could be either a state of mind --

10:24:17 6 It could be either a crime or a state of

10:24:19 7 mind. Those -- yeah.

10:24:21 8 Q. So, you're saying that either -- as you understood,

10:24:24 9 "pedophilia" -- "pedophile," that carries with it, in your

10:24:31 10 view, potential acts the person may commit. Right?

10:24:38 11 A. It's what -- it's one of the possibilities.

10:24:41 12 Q. I'm sorry.

10:24:42 13 A. Yeah, either -- it just literally means "love of

10:24:47 14 children."

10:24:47 15 Q. Right. But your testimony is, it can either be

10:24:50 16 demonstrated through actions or thoughts. True?

10:24:54 17 A. Yes.

10:24:55 18 Q. Would sexual relations with a child who's a minor be

10:25:04 19 the act of a pedophile as you define it or understand it?

10:25:09 20 A. Yes.

10:25:09 21 Q. That would make that person, as a pedophile, in

10:25:18 22 effect, be a child rapist. Right?

10:25:20 23 A. Effectively, they would be committing statutory rape,

10:25:27 24 yes.

10:25:27 25 Q. And if under your understanding of "pedophile," if an

10:25:36 1 individual married a minor child, that would be an act of
10:25:40 2 pedophilia, true?

10:25:43 3 A. Well, strictly speaking, they would have to have
10:25:47 4 sexual relations with -- with someone who's a minor. I
10:25:55 5 think -- yeah. If somebody marries a 12-year-old, I think
10:26:00 6 that's -- that's probably pedophilia, yes.

10:26:04 7 Q. And if someone, under your understanding of
10:26:07 8 "pedophilia," if someone lives in an area known for child sex
10:26:19 9 trafficking, that's not an act of pedophilia, true?

10:26:28 10 A. True.

10:26:28 11 Q. That might suggest, though, that if someone lives in
10:26:31 12 an area of child -- near child sex trafficking, that that
10:26:36 13 person has the thoughts that you described of a pedophile,
10:26:41 14 true?

10:26:41 15 **MR. SPIRO:** Objection to the form. I don't
10:26:43 16 understand the question.

10:26:46 17 **THE COURT:** Overruled.

10:26:46 18 **THE WITNESS:** It's possible.

10:27:12 19 BY MR. WOOD:

10:27:12 20 Q. Am I correct, in your discussion of "pedophilia," that
10:27:17 21 "pedo guy" and "pedo," you see is basically the same
10:27:22 22 equivalency as an insult.

10:27:23 23 **MR. SPIRO:** Objection. Mischaracterizes the
10:27:25 24 testimony.

10:27:26 25 **THE COURT:** Well, he's asking a question. He can

10:27:28 1 ask the question. We can get an answer.

10:27:33 2 **THE WITNESS:** I think "pedo guy" is more flippant
10:27:39 3 and off-the-cuff and is less significant than "pedo."

10:27:45 4 BY MR. WOOD:

10:27:45 5 Q. In what way?

10:27:46 6 A. I mean, if you add "guy" to something, it's just --
10:27:51 7 it's less serious.

10:27:52 8 Q. Serious about what issue?

10:27:54 9 A. I mean, it -- it's just -- it's -- you know, it's a --
10:28:01 10 it is not -- it is more obviously just an insult, as if you
10:28:06 11 said, like, that, you know, "mother effer," you know, that's
10:28:13 12 like, you don't literally mean incest.

10:28:16 13 Q. Do you feel --

10:28:20 14 A. Like "that -- that mother effer guy," "MF guy," that
10:28:26 15 is obviously obviously more flippant, you know? It's not --
10:28:33 16 it's not -- it's just not as serious accusation.

10:28:36 17 I mean, I want to be clear. I did not accuse
10:28:40 18 Mr. Unsworth of being a pedophile.

10:28:43 19 Q. Mr. Musk, are you saying that "pedo guy" is a more
10:28:51 20 flippant way of expressing "pedo"?

10:28:54 21 A. It's just obviously an insult. No one -- no one took
10:28:59 22 that to mean "pedophile."

10:29:03 23 **MR. WOOD:** Move to strike that, Your Honor.

10:29:05 24 **THE COURT:** All right. It's stricken.

10:29:08 25 **MR. WOOD:** Thank you. And the jury be asked to

10:29:10 1 disregard it.

10:29:11 2 **THE COURT:** The jury will follow my instructions.

10:29:22 3 **MR. WOOD:** Thank you.

10:29:22 4 BY MR. WOOD:

10:29:22 5 Q. So, "pedo" and "pedo guy" are not essentially
10:29:27 6 equivalent, of the same thing, one more flippant, one more
10:29:27 7 serious.

10:29:27 8 A. They're both flippant. One is more flippant than the
10:29:31 9 other.

10:29:31 10 Q. So, if somebody says: *Hey, you're apedo.* That would
10:29:37 11 be saying less flippantly than saying: *Hey, you're apedo
10:29:37 12 guy.*

10:29:42 13 Is that what you're telling me?

10:29:43 14 **MR. SPIRO:** Objection. Form and also calls for
10:29:45 15 speculation.

10:29:47 16 **THE COURT:** He's probing. I mean, this is -- I
10:29:49 17 told the jury questions are not evidence, but this is
10:29:54 18 cross-examination, and the questioner is allowed to use that
10:29:59 19 form of question. That's the way cross-examination goes.
10:30:03 20 So, overruled.

10:30:09 21 BY MR. WOOD:

10:30:09 22 Q. Can you answer the question?

10:30:10 23 A. I'm not clear on what your question was. But "pedo"
10:30:16 24 and "pedo guy" both, in my view, are insults, just meaning
10:30:24 25 "creepy old man." "Pedo guy" is more flippant than "pedo."

10:30:29 1 **MR. WOOD:** If I may step away, Your Honor, for a
10:30:33 2 moment from the podium to look at the realtime feed?

10:30:37 3 **THE COURT:** Yes.

10:30:37 4 BY MR. WOOD:

10:30:49 5 Q. I just want to be clear, Mr. Musk, this is the
10:30:51 6 question that I was asking: "So, if somebody says: 'Hey,
10:30:55 7 you're a pedo,' that would be saying less flippantly than if
10:31:00 8 they had said: 'Hey, you're a pedo guy.' Is that what
10:31:05 9 you're telling us?"

10:31:06 10 A. I think both "pedo" and "pedo guy" are flippant.

10:31:12 11 "Pedo guy" is more flippant than "pedo." I think especially
10:31:16 12 in the context of which I used it in the tweet.

10:31:19 13 Q. Because that's the key to how -- the context you used
10:31:22 14 it in the tweet, true? In your mind.

10:31:25 15 A. In the tweet it was obviously a flippant insult in
10:31:29 16 response to his insult, and no one interpreted that as
10:31:34 17 being -- meaning pedophile.

10:31:41 18 Q. And is your testimony that "pedo guy" is quite
10:31:48 19 commonly known in the English speaking world as being an
10:31:56 20 insult of "creepy old man in looks and appearance." Is that
10:32:01 21 your testimony?

10:32:02 22 A. That's my belief, yes.

10:32:26 23 Q. Would you look at Exhibit 92?

10:32:42 24 **MR. SPIRO:** Your Honor, we have objections to this
10:32:44 25 exhibit.

10:32:44 1 **THE COURT:** Let me get it and look at it.

10:32:46 2 **MR. SPIRO:** Of course.

10:35:06 3 **THE COURT:** Let me ask a question. In this

10:35:10 4 exhibit, 92, and this is for the witness, if the witness has

10:35:19 5 looked at it, are these exhibits, tweets, whatever they are,

10:35:30 6 something that the witness saw at the times and dates posted

10:35:38 7 on the -- on tweets? Maybe --

10:35:49 8 **MR. WOOD:** These are actually media articles, Your

10:35:53 9 Honor.

10:35:53 10 **THE COURT:** Whatever they are. The question is:

10:35:58 11 Were these things that the witness read or --

10:36:11 12 **THE WITNESS:** No.

10:36:14 13 **THE COURT:** And so the answer is no. That was a

10:36:17 14 foundational question.

10:36:20 15 On that basis, I'll sustain the objection.

10:36:22 16 But you can ask further questions along those lines.

10:36:26 17 **MR. WOOD:** Thank you, Your Honor.

10:36:27 18 BY MR. WOOD:

10:36:28 19 Q. Mr. Musk, based on your testimony about the

10:36:33 20 understanding in the English speaking world about "pedo guy"

10:36:39 21 meaning "creepy old man in looks and appearance."

10:36:44 22 A. Uh-huh, yes.

10:36:45 23 Q. Are you familiar -- or do you know how the media in

10:36:49 24 the United Kingdom reported on that tweet, "pedo guy"?

10:36:56 25 A. Best of my recollection, the reporting was universally

10:37:05 1 that I had insulted Mr. Unsworth, but not that he was
10:37:09 2 actually a pedophile, and nobody thought that.

10:37:14 3 Q. The reporting was almost universal that the insults
10:37:18 4 you made --

10:37:20 5 **THE COURT:** Well, let's get a foundation here.

10:37:20 6 **MR. WOOD:** I'll restate it.

10:37:22 7 **THE COURT:** In other words, we're talking about --
10:37:25 8 this is all relating to the timeframe, and I'm not the jury,
10:37:31 9 so, I'm just getting a point of reference here.

10:37:33 10 It seems to me we're talking about the
10:37:36 11 timeframe between July 15 and July 17, correct?

10:37:40 12 **MR. WOOD:** Yes, Your Honor.

10:37:42 13 **THE COURT:** So, if we're talking about that
10:37:45 14 timeframe, the foundational question has to be not what he
10:37:50 15 knows now but what he knew then. And so the jury could
10:37:58 16 determine whether that's relevant or not.

10:38:00 17 I'm just trying to get to a point of
10:38:03 18 reference. So, the question is -- the way your question
10:38:09 19 should be framed is with that timeline in mind.

10:38:14 20 **MR. WOOD:** Thank you, Your Honor.

10:38:15 21 **THE COURT:** At least that's my view.

10:38:17 22 BY MR. WOOD:

10:38:19 23 Q. In the timeframe between July the 15th and July the
10:38:22 24 17th, did you know that the media in the United Kingdom was
10:38:32 25 reporting that your insult of "pedo guy" was an insult that

10:38:38 1 Mr. Unsworth was a pedophile?

10:38:44 2 **MR. SPIRO:** Objection to form. Assumes facts.

10:38:47 3 **THE COURT:** Well, did he know at the time? It's
10:38:52 4 asking for his state of mind. At the time. So, as far as
10:38:57 5 the question goes, I'll allow the question.

10:39:02 6 **THE WITNESS:** No. The --

10:39:06 7 Yeah, so, the -- all the press that I read,
10:39:11 8 including the British press, interpreted what I said as an
10:39:16 9 insult and not that Mr. Unsworth was actually a pedophile.

10:39:21 10 This was interpreted --

10:39:23 11 And the press was universally negative
10:39:25 12 against me and in support of Mr. Unsworth.

10:39:29 13 BY MR. WOOD:

10:39:29 14 Q. So, you're now telling us that you did know what the
10:39:32 15 press was reporting --

10:39:33 16 **THE COURT:** When you say "now" --

10:39:35 17 Don't use the word "now," because it's
10:39:37 18 argumentative. Just ask him a question.

10:39:39 19 BY MR. WOOD:

10:39:41 20 Q. Between July the 15th and July the 17th, did you know
10:39:46 21 what the press in the United Kingdom was saying about "pedo
10:39:55 22 guy"?

10:39:55 23 A. My recollection of all the press at the time was that
10:40:00 24 the -- they correctly interpreted what I said as being an
10:40:05 25 insult, not an actual accusation of pedophilia.

10:40:10 1 Q. Same question with respect to the press at the time,
10:40:13 2 July the 15th, July 17th in Finland, Sweden and Denmark.
10:40:23 3 A. Well, I -- I admittedly -- I do not read Scandinavian
10:40:29 4 press. I don't speak Finnish, Swedish or Norwegian.
10:40:35 5 Q. How about -- the same question between the July 15 and
10:40:39 6 July the 17th in terms of what was being reported in the
10:40:44 7 Netherlands and Belgium.
10:40:47 8 A. I -- I don't know what was reported in Netherlands and
10:40:52 9 Belgium. I do not speak Dutch or Flemish.
10:40:58 10 Q. Same question with respect to July the 15th or July
10:41:00 11 the 17, about what the media was reporting about "pedo guy"
10:41:03 12 in Switzerland and Austria.
10:41:07 13 A. I mean -- no.
10:41:09 14 **THE COURT:** Let's not go through the globe. I
10:41:09 15 mean --
10:41:17 16 What languages do you speak, Mr. Musk?
10:41:20 17 **THE WITNESS:** Well, I speak a little Spanish and a
10:41:23 18 little French and a little German.
10:41:26 19 **THE COURT:** I'll allow you to go through the
10:41:29 20 Caribbean and South America, and maybe the German part of
10:41:35 21 Switzerland and Germany.
10:41:39 22 **MR. WOOD:** Let me try this, if I might, Your
10:41:41 23 Honor. Now, given the witness' testimony, I re-tender into
10:41:45 24 evidence Exhibit 92. I think I've laid the foundation.
10:41:46 25 **THE COURT:** The objection is sustained.

10:42:07 1 BY MR. WOOD:

10:42:07 2 Q. Would you look at Exhibit 212, Mr. Musk?

10:43:06 3 **MR. WOOD:** Your Honor, I tender in evidence
10:43:08 4 Exhibit 212 with an exclusion from that exhibit of any Google
10:43:24 5 Alerts that are not related to the July 15 tweets. And with
10:43:28 6 those exclusions, I tender into evidence, on behalf of the
10:43:32 7 plaintiff.

10:43:32 8 **THE COURT:** All right, let's --

10:43:34 9 **MR. SPIRO:** There is an objection.

10:43:38 10 **THE COURT:** What did you say?

10:43:38 11 **MR. SPIRO:** There will be an objection.

10:43:40 12 **THE COURT:** Let's take the morning recess for 10
10:43:45 13 or 12 minutes, okay?

10:43:48 14 **COURT CLERK:** All rise.

10:44:08 15 (Following proceedings held outside the presence
10:44:33 16 of the jury.)

10:44:34 17 **THE COURT:** What is the relevance of Exhibit 212?

10:44:38 18 **MR. WOOD:** It is a Google Alerts sent directly to
10:44:44 19 Elon Musk, alerting him that there were media report on July
10:44:49 20 the 16th, stating that he called Mr. Unsworth a pedophile.

10:45:05 21 **THE COURT:** I see. It's part of the presentation
10:45:08 22 from the plaintiff that the apology was the result of
10:45:13 23 pressure and not genuine.

10:45:15 24 **MR. WOOD:** That, and the interpretation in the
10:45:18 25 English speaking world was that "pedo guy" meant "pedophile"

10:45:25 1 not "creepy old man in manner and appearance."

10:45:31 2 **THE COURT:** Well, I don't see the -- the relevance
10:45:36 3 of the tweet for that purpose. He's just saying "pedo,"
10:45:43 4 and --

10:45:43 5 What's your objection? If that -- just that
10:45:47 6 first paragraph on Exhibit 212 is offered, and everything
10:45:53 7 thereafter is not.

10:45:54 8 **MR. SPIRO:** The problem is one of relevance, that
10:45:58 9 you have discussed with Mr. Wood; but it's also foundational,
10:46:03 10 and -- it's very misleading under 403.

10:46:08 11 **THE COURT:** Well, I mean, the foundational
10:46:10 12 objection has to be examined. I mean, he has to ask him:
10:46:14 13 Did he see this -- did he -- tell him to look at Exhibit 212,
10:46:19 14 look at the first tweet, and then ask him whether he saw that
10:46:26 15 tweet before July 17th, the apology. And if he says he did,
10:46:33 16 then, to me, it would be admissible. If he does -- if he
10:46:45 17 says he doesn't, then it wouldn't be, and the rest of it is
10:46:49 18 not admissible.

10:46:50 19 **MR. SPIRO:** I have two responses to that. The
10:46:52 20 first is, the reason Mr. Wood --

10:46:54 21 The Court gave a different reason than
10:46:56 22 Mr. Wood's reason. The Court's reason was: Well, if he saw
10:46:59 23 it, and that his apology wasn't genuine. Mr. Wood's stated
10:47:01 24 reason, I think he sort of half adopted that, but his stated
10:47:04 25 reason was to show what the people in the English language

10:47:07 1 said. Right? It just --

10:47:10 2 **THE COURT:** Yeah, but I mean all --

10:47:12 3 **MR. SPIRO:** But as, Your Honor -- sorry.

10:47:15 4 **THE COURT:** But I mean, all the tweet says, unless
10:47:18 5 I'm misreading it is, it doesn't use the word "pedophile."

10:47:26 6 Just keeps saying "pedo."

10:47:26 7 **MR. WOOD:** Do you have Exhibit 212 --

10:47:26 8 **MR. SPIRO:** Well --

10:47:29 9 **THE COURT:** Wait a second. I'm looking at 212,

10:47:31 10 I'm looking at Bates stamp 854. What else should I be
10:47:35 11 looking at?

10:47:37 12 **MR. WOOD:** You're looking at the correct part of
10:47:39 13 the document. That is a Google --

10:47:42 14 **THE COURT:** I missed the -- the headline. Yeah.
10:47:48 15 And -- and --

10:47:57 16 So, restate your objection.

10:47:58 17 **MR. SPIRO:** Sure. So, now that the Court is
10:48:01 18 focused on --

10:48:02 19 **THE COURT:** And it is the -- it is the opinion of
10:48:04 20 someone from --

10:48:09 21 You know, I don't know all these -- I hate to
10:48:18 22 admit my lack of -- of being current, but what is V-O-X?

10:48:31 23 **MR. WOOD:** Vox is a news media online around the
10:48:36 24 country and the world.

10:48:36 25 **THE COURT:** So, somebody at Vox wrote this thing,

10:48:40 1 somebody we don't know about.

10:48:40 2 **MR. SPIRO:** Right.

10:48:46 3 **THE COURT:** And they put the headline up there.

10:48:48 4 Now, the body of it doesn't contain any further description
10:48:51 5 of "pedophile." It's just -- the body just has "pedo." And
10:48:57 6 some unknown person has concluded and headlined that "pedo"
10:49:04 7 means "pedophile."

10:49:06 8 So, is there an objection?

10:49:07 9 **MR. SPIRO:** Of course, yes, Your Honor.

10:49:09 10 **THE COURT:** Sustained. Okay. We're in recess.

10:50:07 11 (Recess taken.)

11:11:41 12 (Following proceedings were held in the presence
11:11:51 13 of the jury.)

11:11:51 14 **THE COURT:** You may proceed.

11:11:53 15 **MR. WOOD:** Thank you, Your Honor.

11:11:54 16 BY MR. WOOD:

11:11:55 17 Q. Mr. Musk, would you look at Exhibit 232 in the trial
11:12:01 18 notebook?

11:12:17 19 A. Yes.

11:12:18 20 Q. Is that your tweet of July the 11th, 2018?

11:12:26 21 A. Yes.

11:12:28 22 **MR. WOOD:** I move to tender Exhibit 232 into
11:12:31 23 evidence, Your Honor.

11:12:39 24 **THE COURT:** Received.

11:12:41 25 (Exhibit No. 232 received in evidence.)

11:12:41 1 BY MR. WOOD:

11:12:42 2 Q. On July the 11th, Mr. Musk, in your tweet, you were
11:12:49 3 reacting to the criticisms of YouTube. True?

11:12:53 4 A. Yes.

11:12:54 5 Q. And you said: "This reaction has shaken my opinion of
11:13:02 6 many people."

11:13:05 7 A. Yes.

11:13:06 8 Q. If you would look at Exhibit 90.

11:13:06 9 A. Ninety.

11:13:53 10 Q. Exhibit 90.

11:13:53 11 **MR. SPIRO:** There is an objection to this exhibit.

11:13:53 12 **THE COURT:** No objection.

11:13:53 13 **MR. SPIRO:** There is an objection.

11:13:57 14 **THE COURT:** So, lay a foundation. I mean, along
11:14:01 15 the lines that we discussed.

11:14:02 16 **MR. SPIRO:** It would be an additional objection,
11:14:04 17 and 403 and other objections we would have.

11:14:06 18 **THE COURT:** Just let me look at it.

11:14:06 19 BY MR. WOOD:

11:14:08 20 Q. Mr. Musk --

11:14:11 21 **THE COURT:** One moment.

11:14:12 22 **MR. SPIRO:** Hearsay, in addition.

11:14:16 23 BY MR. WOOD:

11:14:17 24 Q. Mr. Musk --

11:14:19 25 **THE COURT:** One second.

11:14:20 1 **MR. WOOD:** Oh, I'm sorry.

11:14:52 2 **THE COURT:** Can the parties answer my question
11:14:54 3 without controversy? Can you do that?

11:14:59 4 Who is Sam Teller?

11:15:03 5 **MR. WOOD:** The de facto chief of staff, as he
11:15:06 6 testified to, for like, four or five years, for Mr. Musk.

11:15:10 7 **THE COURT:** Approach the sidebar.

11:15:27 8 (Sidebar conference.)

11:15:40 9 **THE COURT:** My impression is, as a starting point,
11:15:47 10 that it goes to the genuineness of the apology.

11:15:51 11 **MR. SPIRO:** That's what the Court has said a
11:15:53 12 couple of times. I would just say this, one is, it's
11:15:56 13 obviously ranked, it's obviously ranked like textbook
11:16:00 14 hearsay. It's from a subject line that says: "From, ah,
11:16:04 15 another person, and then it's in quotes in the person.

11:16:08 16 **THE COURT:** It's not being offered for the truth
11:16:09 17 of --

11:16:12 18 It's being offered for what his state of mind
11:16:13 19 is.

11:16:15 20 **MR. SPIRO:** Right. But then it has all of this
11:16:18 21 prejudicial, misleading, confusing and unbelievably
11:16:23 22 prejudicial information.

11:16:25 23 **THE COURT:** Just one moment.

11:16:26 24 **MR. SPIRO:** Yeah.

11:16:44 25 I have one further comment.

11:16:59 1 **THE COURT:** Yeah.

11:17:00 2 **MR. SPIRO:** I mean, I can come up with
11:17:02 3 many quotes, like: "To dump Tesla." "Losing major backers."
11:17:07 4 "\$10 million worth of stock." "How much suffering went to
11:17:08 5 this person?" "A really big bet for me." "Suffering to that
11:17:11 6 person."

11:17:12 7 Talking about yet again third parties. He's
11:17:14 8 already testified --

11:17:15 9 **THE COURT:** I got that.

11:17:20 10 **MR. SPIRO:** May I just say one last thing?

11:17:20 11 **THE COURT:** Yes.

11:17:23 12 **MR. SPIRO:** He's already testified that he was
11:17:24 13 under pressure to change the apology because he was upset.
11:17:27 14 It has very little probative value to what he's already
11:17:32 15 said --

11:17:33 16 **THE COURT:** How about some questions from you
11:17:43 17 about whether after July 15, he was --

11:18:02 18 Whether he was getting some feedback from
11:18:07 19 persons in his company, that the -- the publicity about the
11:18:12 20 tweet was causing some harm to the business. You asked that
11:18:20 21 question --

11:18:20 22 **MR. WOOD:** No, not --

11:18:21 23 **MR. SPIRO:** I understand it's close to -- he
11:18:24 24 doesn't understand the rules of evidence. He's going to just
11:18:26 25 start reading.

11:18:28 1 **MR. WOOD:** I'm not --

11:18:28 2 **MR. SPIRO:** He's going to --

11:18:31 3 He still has it in front of him. He's going

11:18:33 4 to move it.

11:18:35 5 **MR. WOOD:** Ask him to move it.

11:18:38 6 (In open court.)

11:18:40 7 **THE COURT:** Close the book.

11:18:52 8 **MR. WOOD:** May I proceed?

11:18:53 9 **THE COURT:** Yes.

11:18:54 10 **MR. WOOD:** Thank you.

11:18:55 11 BY MR. WOOD:

11:18:56 12 Q. Mr. Musk, between the time of the publication in

11:19:03 13 Twitter of the statement "pedo guy," before your publication

11:19:08 14 on Twitter of the apology --

11:19:12 15 You know what timeframe we're talking about

11:19:14 16 now?

11:19:15 17 A. Yeah, a few days.

11:19:17 18 Q. During that time period, sir, did anyone connected

11:19:23 19 with your company ever inform you that the "pedo guy" tweet

11:19:32 20 was creating issues in terms of its impact on Tesla stock?

11:19:40 21 **MR. SPIRO:** Objection, to "impact on stock." The

11:19:42 22 rest of it --

11:19:44 23 **THE COURT:** He can ask the question that way. He

11:19:46 24 can answer "yes" or "no."

11:19:50 25 **THE WITNESS:** I did receive some concerned notes

11:19:53 1 from shareholders. But it's a publically traded company. So
11:19:57 2 the stock prices, I would say, no, at any given point in
11:20:00 3 time.

11:20:05 4 BY MR. WOOD:

11:20:05 5 Q. Just a couple more, Mr. Musk.

11:20:13 6 Do you acknowledge that even if you delete a
11:20:14 7 tweet, that the tweet remains available for others to tweet
11:20:19 8 or publish if they have taken a screen shot of your tweet?

11:20:26 9 A. Yes.

11:20:29 10 Q. You testified that you had never been asked before
11:20:35 11 your deposition about pedophilia. Is that your testimony?

11:20:46 12 In connection --

11:20:48 13 A. I'm not sure, if I -- I'm not sure --

11:20:51 14 Are you asking if I've been asked about
11:20:54 15 pedophilia in general or --

11:20:55 16 Can you --

11:20:56 17 Q. About the "pedo guy" tweet. Had you been asked about
11:21:00 18 pedophilia, related to the tweet about Mr. Unsworth, by
11:21:06 19 anyone before your deposition in August of 28, 2019?

11:21:13 20 **MR. SPIRO:** Objection. By anyone? By counsel?

11:21:16 21 It's too vague.

11:21:17 22 **MR. WOOD:** I'm sorry. I'll rephrase it.

11:21:17 23 BY MR. WOOD:

11:21:23 24 Q. Had you ever been asked by any member of the media or
11:21:28 25 on Twitter in relationship to your statement of "pedo guy"

11:21:35 1 about whether you were referring to pedophilia, before your
11:21:43 2 deposition?

11:21:44 3 A. It's possible that that occurred on Twitter,
11:21:46 4 somewhere.

11:21:55 5 Q. You testified that you attended Stanford to start your
11:22:14 6 graduates studies. True?

11:22:16 7 A. I started there for two days.

11:22:18 8 Q. Two days. Thank you.

11:22:19 9 My last question --

11:22:20 10 I did not ask you this earlier in your
11:22:23 11 examination. At the present time, today, would you give the
11:22:32 12 jury your best estimate as to your net worth?

11:22:42 13 **MR. SPIRO:** Objection. Outside the scope.

11:22:45 14 **THE COURT:** Well --

11:22:45 15 **MR. SPIRO:** I didn't ask him questions about that.

11:22:47 16 **THE COURT:** It is outside the scope, but I'll
11:22:50 17 allow him to reopen for that brief purpose.

11:22:53 18 I mean, we all know what the answer is going
11:22:58 19 to be, right?

11:22:58 20 **MR. SPIRO:** I do, Judge.

11:22:59 21 **THE COURT:** I mean, you know, so, let's have it so
11:23:03 22 everybody can write a headline tomorrow, okay? They're all
11:23:09 23 anxious, you know. We all know the answer, don't we?

11:23:12 24 **MR. SPIRO:** We do, so I'll sit down.

11:23:16 25 **THE COURT:** All right.

11:23:16 1 So, tell him what the answer is.

11:23:17 2 **THE WITNESS:** I own stock in SpaceX and Tesla. I

11:23:22 3 have debt against that stock. I don't have --

11:23:27 4 So many people think that I have a lot of

11:23:30 5 cash. I actually don't. I have Tesla stock, SpaceX stock

11:23:35 6 and then debt against that stock. And that value fluctuates

11:23:39 7 on a daily basis.

11:23:40 8 BY MR. WOOD:

11:23:41 9 Q. Between what range at present?

11:23:42 10 A. I actually don't know.

11:23:43 11 Q. Do you -- do you believe that it's at least at or

11:23:49 12 possibly above, from your testimony in the deposition, of a

11:23:52 13 net worth of around \$20 billion?

11:24:00 14 A. I think with my SpaceX stock and Tesla stock combined,

11:24:03 15 it would probably amount to something like that.

11:24:06 16 **MR. WOOD:** Those are all the questions I have of

11:24:06 17 Mr. Musk on behalf of the plaintiff.

11:24:06 18 Thank you, Your Honor.

11:24:08 19 **THE COURT:** Any redirect?

11:24:09 20 **MR. SPIRO:** No, Your Honor.

11:24:11 21 **THE COURT:** Thank you, Mr. Musk.

11:24:15 22 **THE DEFENDANT:** Thank you.

11:24:19 23 **THE COURT:** All right, who's the next witness?

11:24:27 24 **MR. WILSON:** Your Honor, the plaintiff would call

11:24:29 25 Mr. David Arnold by video deposition.

11:24:33 1 **MR. SPIRO:** We have to approach on this just
11:24:35 2 because of some logistics and depo designations and
11:24:38 3 objection.

11:24:39 4 **MR. LIFRAK:** There is one objection to the
11:24:40 5 exhibit, Your Honor.

11:24:46 6 **THE COURT:** Is there someone else that we can call
11:24:48 7 before the lunch who is not subject of discussions, just to
11:24:51 8 keep things going?

11:24:54 9 I mean, let's try and use up 35 minutes, and
11:24:57 10 then we'll save the lunch hour for discussion.

11:25:01 11 **MR. WOOD:** I can do that, Your Honor, with
11:25:03 12 Mr. Birchall.

11:25:04 13 **THE COURT:** Okay, let's get to Mr. Birchall.

11:25:08 14 **MR. WOOD:** So, at this time, Your Honor, we'd call
11:25:12 15 Jared Birchall.

11:26:03 16 **COURT CLERK:** Please raise your right hand.

11:26:06 17 Do you swear or affirm that the testimony
11:26:06 18 you're about to give in the case now before this Court will
11:26:06 19 be the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, so
11:26:15 20 help you God?

11:26:15 21 **THE WITNESS:** Yes.

11:26:16 22 **COURT CLERK:** Please be seated.

11:26:22 23 Can you state your full name, and also spell
11:26:24 24 your full name for the record.

11:26:27 25 **THE WITNESS:** Full name is Jared John Birchall.

11:26:30 1 J-A-R-E-D, J-O-H-N, B-I-R-C-H-A-L-L.

11:26:38 2 WITNESS, JARED J. BIRCHALL, SWORN

11:26:38 3 DIRECT EXAMINATION

11:26:38 4 BY MR. WOOD:

11:26:39 5 Q. Mr. Birchall, we met at your deposition.

11:26:41 6 A. Yes.

11:26:42 7 Q. Nice to see you again.

11:26:45 8 Could you give the jury the benefit of just a
11:26:47 9 summary of your background -- I don't want to go from high
11:26:53 10 school or college, but just in terms of your business
11:26:55 11 background and how you worked with Mr. Musk or any of his
11:27:01 12 companies.

11:27:01 13 A. Sure. So, upon graduation from college, I was hired
11:27:06 14 into the field of finance, and 17, 18 years into that career
11:27:13 15 was referred to Mr. Musk when he was looking to form a family
11:27:18 16 office. A common acquaintance had referred me to him that
11:27:25 17 led to interviews, and approximately four years ago I was
11:27:29 18 hired to manage his family office.

11:27:30 19 Q. And you have served in that capacity the last four
11:27:36 20 years up until today?

11:27:37 21 A. Correct.

11:27:38 22 Q. You still serve in that capacity.

11:27:40 23 And what -- your -- your background before
11:27:43 24 that was in basically investment community?

11:27:46 25 A. Correct. Wealth management primarily.

11:27:51 1 Q. For who?

11:27:52 2 A. Well, I was working at Morgan Stanley.

11:27:56 3 Q. And you are, and at all times in July and August and

11:28:06 4 September of 2018, you were working under the control of Mr.

11:28:14 5 Musk as his agent and employee, true?

11:28:17 6 A. True.

11:28:18 7 **MR. LIFRAK:** Objection. Calls for a legal

11:28:20 8 conclusion.

11:28:25 9 **THE COURT:** I don't understand the objection.

11:28:27 10 What was the objection?

11:28:28 11 **MR. LIFRAK:** Calls for a legal conclusion, he

11:28:31 12 asked --

11:28:33 13 **THE COURT:** If he's an employee --

11:28:34 14 **MR. LIFRAK:** He was the agent.

11:28:36 15 **THE COURT:** Oh, agent. I missed that. I don't

11:28:40 16 know, "agent" is a term of art and a legal conclusion. He

11:28:45 17 is --

11:28:45 18 You are an employee, correct?

11:28:48 19 **THE WITNESS:** I am an employee.

11:28:50 20 **THE COURT:** All right, leave the agency alone for

11:28:53 21 a while.

11:28:54 22 **MR. WOOD:** Do I need to restate the question, Your

11:28:57 23 Honor?

11:28:57 24 **THE COURT:** He's an employee of Mr. Musk.

11:28:58 25 BY MR. WOOD:

11:28:58 1 Q. And during that time period as an employee of Mr.
11:29:01 2 Musk, you recognize that Mr. Musk would tell you what to do
11:29:06 3 or not to do because you were to follow the orders of the
11:29:09 4 boss, Mr. Musk. True?
11:29:11 5 A. I mean, there's certainly times when he would
11:29:16 6 specifically direct me to do things, though, he expected me
11:29:22 7 to act on my own during much of time as well.

11:29:26 8 Q. Yes. But during that entire time while you may act on
11:29:30 9 things alone, if Mr. Musk gave you an instruction on what to
11:29:34 10 do or not to do, as his employee, you understood that you
11:29:38 11 were to follow the orders of Mr. Musk, true?

11:29:40 12 A. True.

11:29:46 13 Q. Could you look, if you would --

11:29:48 14 You're new to the courtroom. There is a
11:29:51 15 binder of exhibits. I'd like you to look at Exhibit 36.

11:30:16 16 A. Exhibit 36.

11:30:17 17 Q. Exhibit 36.

11:30:39 18 A. I see Exhibit 36 -- is that --

11:30:39 19 **MR. SPIRO:** There are other binders.

11:30:40 20 **THE WITNESS:** Oh. Am I in the right binder here?

11:30:44 21 Oh, this is Elon Musk Cross-Examination. I think, another
11:30:57 22 place --

11:30:59 23 **COURT CLERK:** Exhibit 36 is placed before the
11:31:01 24 witness.

11:31:01 25 **THE WITNESS:** I'm looking at it.

11:31:01 1 BY MR. WOOD:

11:31:10 2 Q. Is that a true and correct copy of a nondisclosure
11:31:13 3 agreement between James Howard or Jupiter Investigations and
11:31:24 4 Excession LLC, that you executed on behalf of Excession LLC?

11:31:35 5 A. Yes, it is.

11:31:49 6 **MR. WOOD:** Would you pull that up?

11:31:49 7 (Exhibit published.)

11:31:50 8 **THE COURT:** It's not in evidence yet.

11:31:51 9 **MR. WOOD:** Oh, I'm sorry. Ask to admit Exhibit 36
11:31:55 10 into evidence, Your Honor.

11:31:55 11 **MR. LIFRAK:** No objection.

11:31:56 12 **THE COURT:** Received.

11:31:57 13 (Exhibit No. 36 received in evidence.)

11:32:00 14 BY MR. WOOD:

11:32:00 15 Q. At the top of that exhibit is an e-mail, right?

11:32:03 16 A. Yes.

11:32:04 17 Q. Where you are sending back to Mr. Howard a signed copy
11:32:12 18 of the agreement, the nondisclosure agreement. Correct?

11:32:17 19 A. Correct.

11:32:17 20 Q. And you sent the e-mail from JaredBirchall@gmail.com
11:32:30 21 on behalf of James Brickhouse, true?

11:32:36 22 A. I see that.

11:32:36 23 Q. It's there?

11:32:37 24 A. It is.

11:32:38 25 Q. You didn't sign the nondisclosure agreement under the

11:32:41 1 name of James Brickhouse, did you?

11:32:45 2 A. No.

11:32:45 3 Q. Because you recognize it needed the official signature

11:32:49 4 of the office manager to be enforceable, true?

11:32:52 5 A. Sure, yeah, yes.

11:33:13 6 Q. And looking down to the e-mail that you were

11:33:15 7 responding to when you sent the e-mail to Mr. Howard, he had

11:33:23 8 sent you an e-mail in which he stated: "The UK end it --

11:33:23 9 (Discussion held off the record.)

11:33:23 10 BY MR. WOOD:

11:33:46 11 Q. "The UK end it quite straightforward. But if there

11:33:50 12 are any skeletons in the cupboard, they are more likely to be

11:33:56 13 in Thailand which is where I will center the investigation."

11:34:00 14 He wrote you that in his e-mail, didn't he?

11:34:03 15 A. Yes.

11:34:20 16 Q. If you look at the first paragraph of the

11:34:23 17 nondisclosure agreement, under the portion "confidentiality,"

11:34:31 18 without going through all of the different individuals, would

11:34:35 19 you agree that the purpose of the nondisclosure agreement was

11:34:40 20 to prevent Mr. Howard from conveying to any third party any

11:34:46 21 information about Mr. Musk, his family, his friends, his

11:34:52 22 business associates, or his, in effect, companies?

11:34:57 23 A. Yes.

11:34:58 24 Q. Had you -- had you ever --

11:35:11 25 I didn't ask this. You hired Mr. Howard for

11:35:15 1 Excession on August the 15th, 2018. True?

11:35:19 2 A. Yeah, I think it was formalized on the 16th, but yes.

11:35:24 3 Q. But the agreement was struck on the 15th, formalized

11:35:30 4 on the 16, right?

11:35:32 5 A. Yes.

11:35:32 6 Q. And you were asked by Mr. Musk to be in charge of the

11:35:35 7 Howard -- I'll call it the Howard investigation, true?

11:35:38 8 A. True.

11:35:38 9 Q. Prior to that date, in any of your work experience,

11:35:42 10 had you ever been in charge of an investigation such as the

11:35:50 11 one that you were asked to be in charge of over James Howard?

11:35:54 12 A. No.

11:35:54 13 Q. Never happened before.

11:35:56 14 A. Never.

11:35:58 15 Q. Am I right that other than your return of the MDA,

11:36:05 16 executed by you, Jared Birchall, that every communication

11:36:13 17 thereafter between you and Mr. Howard was undertaken solely

11:36:19 18 under the name of Jim Brickhouse?

11:36:24 19 A. Thereafter, the intention was, yes, though there was

11:36:27 20 one e-mail that was not.

11:36:29 21 Q. Which one was that?

11:36:31 22 A. There was an e-mail that I mistakenly sent from my

11:36:38 23 personal name.

11:36:39 24 Q. And you recognized after you realized you've done

11:36:41 25 it -- it was a mistake, you intended to send it under the

11:36:44 1 name of Jim Brickhouse, right?

11:36:48 2 A. I did.

11:36:48 3 Q. And I believe you tell us --

11:36:51 4 You came up with the name Jim Brickhouse.

11:36:55 5 A. I did.

11:36:56 6 Q. Not Mr. Musk.

11:36:58 7 A. True.

11:36:58 8 Q. Was he aware that you were using an pseudonym or I

11:37:02 9 guess a fake name to deal with Howard?

11:37:05 10 A. No.

11:37:05 11 Q. You did it to, in your own judgment, as head of the

11:37:09 12 investigation of -- conducted by Howard, you wanted to

11:37:13 13 distance Mr. Howard's investigation from Elon Musk, true?

11:37:22 14 A. True. That was part of the reason.

11:37:25 15 Q. What other part was there other than that?

11:37:26 16 A. Well, the center of everything I do is focused on

11:37:29 17 confidentiality and privacy, and this was -- I'd used this

11:37:35 18 alias for other matters involving his personal travel with

11:37:39 19 his boys, involving the purchase of the web domain names,

11:37:43 20 among other things, helping a Libyan refugee, and I figured

11:37:47 21 that this was among those things that I should take extra

11:37:51 22 discretion with.

11:37:54 23 Q. To protect the interest of Mr. Musk and his family and

11:37:59 24 his corporations, true?

11:38:01 25 A. True.

11:38:04 1 Q. So, you'd use "Jim Brickhouse," in other similar
11:38:08 2 matters. How did you come up with the name Jim Brickhouse?
11:38:12 3 A. I don't recall.
11:38:13 4 Q. But what you do recall is that with respect to
11:38:17 5 Mr. Howard, despite the one mistake you indicated and e-mail
11:38:20 6 sent from your personal account, that you wanted James Howard
11:38:24 7 to, in his state of mind, I guess, you wanted to have him
11:38:29 8 believe that he was dealing with two different people, Jared
11:38:36 9 Birchall that signed the agreement and somebody named Jim
11:38:40 10 Brickhouse who was conducting the communications on the
11:38:43 11 investigation on behalf of Mr. Musk, right?
11:38:46 12 A. Correct. My initial call to him was as Jared
11:38:51 13 Birchall. The agreement was signed as Jared Birchall, and
11:38:54 14 thereafter the correspondence was meant to be in the name of
11:38:58 15 James Brickhouse.
11:38:59 16 Q. So, Mr. Howard would believe that there was a second
11:39:03 17 individual involved named James Brickhouse.
11:39:07 18 A. Yes.
11:39:07 19 Q. Even though the truth is, it was you and
11:39:09 20 Mr. Brickhouse one and the same person, true?
11:39:13 21 A. True.
11:39:14 22 Q. At the time you formerly retained Mr. Howard on behalf
11:39:20 23 of Mr. Musk, the family corporation, what did you know about
11:39:27 24 his prior investigative experience?
11:39:33 25 A. Well, the request to reach out to Mr. Howard was given

11:39:39 1 to me from a trusted colleague, Mr. Sam Teller. He came to
11:39:48 2 me with the name and number, asked me to reach out to him,
11:39:51 3 indicating that Mr. Howard had reached out with information.

11:39:54 4 I then did call Mr. Howard, and he shared
11:39:57 5 that he had prior experience working with British Special
11:40:02 6 Forces, that he had worked for other high net worth
11:40:06 7 individuals, that he had worked on other high level events
11:40:09 8 throughout the world, and seemed to be a valid investigator.

11:40:47 9 Q. I might ask you to look at Exhibit 62 either on the
11:40:52 10 screen or in the notebook, Mr. Birchall.

11:41:11 11 When you just -- when you just referred to
11:41:14 12 the information about looking into Mr. Howard that you
11:41:19 13 received from Sam Teller, right?

11:41:21 14 A. Correct.

11:41:22 15 Q. Okay, you got this e-mail from Mr. Teller inquiring
11:41:27 16 about James Howard that contains Mr. Howard's initial or one
11:41:33 17 of his initial attempts to reach out to Mr. Musk, did you --

11:41:38 18 A. No.

11:41:39 19 **MR. LIFRAK:** Objection. No foundation.

11:41:41 20 **THE COURT:** Let me have the question again, I'm
11:41:43 21 sorry, I missed that. What was the question?

11:41:55 22 BY MR. WOOD:

11:41:55 23 Q. Did Mr. Teller or anyone at SpaceX or Tesla or Mr.
11:42:01 24 Musk, office, provide you with the e-mail from Mr. Howard of
11:42:05 25 July 17th, that he had sent to -- I'm going to mess this up

11:42:15 1 -- Reyna Ortiz?

11:42:18 2 A. No.

11:42:41 3 **MR. WOOD:** May I step away for just a moment, Your

11:42:44 4 Honor?

11:42:44 5 **THE COURT:** Yes.

11:42:45 6 (Discussion off the record.)

11:42:48 7 **MR. WOOD:** Your Honor, if you would indulge me

11:42:50 8 moment, Mr. Wilson is going to find a number for me.

11:42:50 9 **THE COURT:** All right.

11:43:48 10 **MR. WOOD:** And I'll try to move along if you'll

11:43:50 11 get that number for me.

11:43:53 12 I'll move on and come back to get that

11:43:57 13 number.

11:43:59 14 BY MR. WOOD:

11:44:00 15 Q. Mr. Birchall, you will tell us that Mr. Musk was

11:44:06 16 informed of your hiring of James Howard, true?

11:44:11 17 A. Yes, I believe so. I don't recall the moment, but

11:44:14 18 yes, I would have at some point. But I didn't know that.

11:44:25 19 Q. I'm going to try to go off memory for a minute.

11:44:29 20 A. Okay.

11:44:29 21 Q. Mr. Howard had sent an e-mail offering his services to

11:44:34 22 an Elon Musk e-mail address, and he stated that he had been

11:44:41 23 involved in the past with UK Special Forces, right?

11:44:46 24 A. He did.

11:44:47 25 Q. He said in his e-mail that he had in the past worked

11:44:52 1 for Paul Allen who was obviously one of the founders or
11:44:58 2 principal owners of Microsoft?

11:45:03 3 A. Yes.

11:45:03 4 Q. He said that he had been involved in the past working
11:45:08 5 for George Soros, right?

11:45:13 6 A. Correct.

11:45:14 7 Q. And you essentially looked at that information from
11:45:17 8 Mr. Howard and you accepted it as, essentially, true, and
11:45:23 9 qualified him to conduct the investigation, true?

11:45:26 10 A. That information was -- most of the information
11:45:33 11 regarding those matters were provided to me in phone
11:45:36 12 conversations with Mr. Howard; and after Sam Teller, trusted
11:45:40 13 colleague, brought me his name and number, Mr. Howard
11:45:44 14 provided a credible background, I did trust that he was a
11:45:47 15 qualified investigator, yes.

11:45:48 16 Q. And just one other question on that subject. You
11:45:51 17 accepted it, but you will tell us that you did not try to
11:45:55 18 reach out to the Paul Allen family or to the Soros family or
11:46:01 19 to anybody in the UK to find out if it was in fact true; am I
11:46:06 20 right?

11:46:06 21 A. I did not reach out to those individuals.

11:46:08 22 Q. May I have the exhibit number?

11:46:15 23 Would you look at Exhibit 66, please, sir?

11:46:19 24 **MR. WOOD:** If it is not, we'll put it in evidence.

11:46:19 25 BY MR. WOOD:

11:46:38 1 Q. Do you have Exhibit 66 in front of you?

11:46:42 2 A. Yes, I do.

11:47:05 3 Q. Is Exhibit 66 a true and correct copy of an e-mail
11:47:09 4 exchange between you under the name of James Brickhouse and
11:47:16 5 Mr. Howard?

11:47:18 6 A. Yes, I believe so.

11:47:21 7 **MR. WOOD:** I tender Exhibit 66 into evidence on
11:47:24 8 behalf of the plaintiffs, Your Honor.

11:47:27 9 **MR. LIFRAK:** No objection.

11:47:28 10 **THE COURT:** Received.

11:47:30 11 (Exhibit No. 66 received in evidence.)

11:47:45 12 BY MR. WOOD:

11:47:45 13 Q. On August the 28th of 2018, in your e-mail to Mr.
11:47:55 14 Howard, you stated: "We would like to immediately move
11:48:02 15 forward with 'leaking' this information to the UK press.
11:48:09 16 Obviously must be done very carefully."

11:48:13 17 Have I read that correctly?

11:48:14 18 A. You have.

11:48:15 19 Q. And because Mr. Howard knew that he working on behalf
11:48:18 20 of Mr. Musk, the use of "we," you were referring to yourself,
11:48:22 21 Mr. Brickhouse, and Elon Musk. True?

11:48:26 22 A. Yes, it was a collected "we."

11:48:33 23 Q. And then if you look beyond that, you suggested in
11:48:37 24 your e-mail what, in fact, you all, felt should be the
11:48:43 25 information leaked to the UK press about Mr. Unsworth. True?

11:48:52 1 A. Not to be leaked to the press but to be provided to
11:48:55 2 the press to encourage investigative journalism.
11:49:03 3 Q. And what you were asking to look at in your line of
11:49:06 4 thinking is contained in the next five bullet points.
11:49:11 5 A. Yes.
11:49:11 6 Q. The idea being that Thailand was the world capital of
11:49:15 7 pedophilia, right?
11:49:17 8 A. Yes.
11:49:17 9 Q. And Mr. Unsworth supposedly had frequented Thailand
11:49:22 10 since the 1980s.
11:49:25 11 A. Yes.
11:49:26 12 Q. Leading to the divorce to his wife in the United
11:49:32 13 Kingdom, right?
11:49:33 14 A. Yes.
11:49:35 15 Q. That under the guise of cave exploration, albeit,
11:49:42 16 creative, because of the amazing extensive caving systems in
11:49:48 17 Thailand, around the world, not just in Thailand, you said:
11:49:52 18 "Even the most ardent supporter of Thai food doesn't eat Thai
11:49:57 19 food every day." Right?
11:49:59 20 A. Correct.
11:49:59 21 Q. And then you said: "He eventually" -- and it doesn't
11:50:07 22 say -- "eventually woman 30 years his minor, whom he met
11:50:12 23 while she was a teenager." Right?
11:50:16 24 A. Yes.
11:50:16 25 Q. And then you had the last bullet point: "He had been

11:50:20 1 going to Thailand for decades before marrying her. She
11:50:24 2 wasn't the first girl he met, and definitely not the first
11:50:28 3 teenager he interacted with." Right?

11:50:35 4 A. Yes.

11:50:36 5 Q. And then you said to him: "Share the facts. And as
11:50:41 6 you said, that should be enough for a story." Right?

11:50:49 7 A. Yes.

11:50:49 8 Q. At that time, on August the 28th, you knew that --
11:50:55 9 your words, not mine -- absolutely none of the information
11:51:01 10 that Mr. Howard had provided to you had been verified or
11:51:05 11 confirmed as accurate and true. Isn't that right?

11:51:10 12 A. Incorrect.

11:51:11 13 Q. Tell me how what's incorrect?

11:51:13 14 A. I believed him to be a credible investigator, and he
11:51:20 15 had provided a lot of information. These were some
11:51:20 16 high-level bullet points based on my understanding of the
11:51:25 17 information he had provided.

11:51:28 18 I clearly said: Share these facts. I
11:51:30 19 understood these things to be facts and encouraged in my
11:51:32 20 request to him was to share facts, which he then did,
11:51:36 21 slightly modified some of these bullet points and did share
11:51:40 22 under the directive of sharing facts. So, I indeed believed
11:51:44 23 that this was correct information.

11:51:46 24 Q. "Correct information," meaning correct, that he had
11:51:49 25 provided you in some form that information, but you did not

11:51:59 1 know whether it was correct and accurate in the sense of
11:52:03 2 whether it was actually true and correct as to Vernon
11:52:08 3 Unsworth. True?

11:52:09 4 A. I believed that it was true and correct. He was a
11:52:11 5 professional investigator. This was his wheelhouse, and I
11:52:17 6 was relying upon him to do his job.

11:52:45 7 **MR. WOOD:** May I have one second, Your Honor, to
11:52:45 8 get an exhibit number.

11:52:47 9 I'm getting those exhibit numbers, Judge.
11:52:48 10 Thank you for bearing with me. If I get those, I'll be able
11:52:52 11 to conclude, I believe, the examination of Mr. Birchall after
11:52:57 12 I get these two exhibits into evidence.

11:52:58 13 BY MR. WOOD:

11:53:15 14 Q. Would you take a look, please, at -- in the trial
11:53:18 15 notebook, not on the screen -- Exhibit 72?

11:53:48 16 A. I have it.

11:53:49 17 Q. Is 72 a true and correct copy of an e-mail exchange
11:54:04 18 between you and Mr. Howard?

11:54:12 19 A. Yes, I believe so.

11:54:15 20 **MR. WOOD:** I tender Exhibit 72 into evidence on
11:54:18 21 behalf of the plaintiff.

11:54:19 22 **THE COURT:** Received.

11:54:20 23 (Exhibit No. 72 received in evidence.)

11:54:37 24 BY MR. WOOD:

11:54:38 25 Q. And if you would now look, Mr. Birchall, at Exhibit

11:54:48 1 67.

11:55:06 2 Have you had a chance to look at Exhibit 67?

11:55:09 3 A. Yes, I have it here in front of me.

11:55:20 4 Q. Exhibit 67, does that represent true and correct

11:55:25 5 copies of text exchanges that you had with Mr. Howard between

11:55:30 6 August the 24th and October the 2nd of 2018?

11:55:36 7 **MR. LIFRAK:** Objection, Your Honor. Some of these

11:55:39 8 text messages go past the end of August and would violate the

11:55:46 9 Court's rulings.

11:55:47 10 **THE COURT:** Well, then, if that's the only

11:55:49 11 objection, I'll sustain the objection up to that date.

11:55:54 12 **MR. LIFRAK:** No, it's not -- it's the content of

11:55:56 13 them --

11:55:57 14 **THE COURT:** I understand --

11:55:59 15 **MR. LIFRAK:** Could we approach. It's on an issue

11:56:00 16 that we discussed before?

11:56:00 17 **THE COURT:** All right, you can approach.

11:56:27 18 (Sidebar conference.)

11:56:27 19 **MR. WOOD:** Judge, I'll withdraw that portion of

11:56:29 20 it. It goes past September the 1st.

11:56:34 21 **THE COURT:** There seems to be a more basic

11:56:36 22 objection.

11:56:38 23 **MR. SPIRO:** There's tons of information in

11:56:40 24 there --

11:56:41 25 **THE COURT:** Here is what I'm missing. It seems to

11:56:44 1 me that Birchall was of the state of mind of what he did
11:56:56 2 isn't relevant. I mean, unless it was communicated to Musk,
11:57:02 3 and so that was some of the central positioning of the
11:57:10 4 defense.

11:57:10 5 **MR. SPIRO:** Hundred percent.

11:57:11 6 **THE COURT:** I didn't hear an objection until now.

11:57:14 7 **MR. SPIRO:** Well, again, we're trying to walk the
11:57:17 8 line between --

11:57:18 9 **THE COURT:** I know, but -- but that's my view.

11:57:21 10 And unless there is -- unless there is -- the questions that
11:57:27 11 might be relevant, okay, are not what Birchall communicated
11:57:31 12 to Howard but what Birchall may or may not have said to Musk.

11:57:37 13 **MR. SPIRO:** So, then we don't think --

11:57:39 14 **THE COURT:** I sustained the objection.

11:58:49 15 (In open court.)

11:58:49 16 BY MR. WOOD:

11:59:16 17 Q. Would you look at 72 that is in evidence.

11:59:18 18 Can you pull that up, please?

11:59:40 19 Mr. Birchall, on August the 25th of 2018, you
11:59:52 20 informed Mr. Howard in your role as the head of the
11:59:58 21 investigation for Mr. Musk that upon a successful
12:00:05 22 confirmation of a nefarious behavior by Mr. Unsworth that he
12:00:13 23 would receive an additional \$10,000 bonus, true?

12:00:19 24 A. True.

12:00:19 25 Q. And when you communicated that to Mr. Howard on August

12:00:24 1 the 25th, you finished by saying: "Timing is important, as
12:00:31 2 you know. Preferably in the next 36 to 48 hours." Right?

12:00:42 3 A. Yes.

12:00:49 4 Q. On October the 2nd, you informed Mr. Howard -- October
12:00:58 5 the 2nd, 2018, you informed Mr. Howard to go back and review
12:01:03 6 the information he had provided, aside from the initial
12:01:08 7 input, and you told him: "You've just about given us
12:01:13 8 nothing, and you have given exactly nothing verified." True?

12:01:19 9 A. True. I wrote that.

12:01:21 10 **MR. WOOD:** That completes the examination of Mr.
12:01:25 11 Birchall on behalf of Vernon Unsworth, Your Honor.

12:01:29 12 **THE COURT:** Lawyers, the court reporter says you
12:01:31 13 have to identify themselves. There are so many lawyers here.
12:01:35 14 Just say, you know, who you are, I mean. If it's someone
12:01:44 15 other than.

12:01:55 16 **MR. LIFRAK:** Michael Lifrak.

12:01:57 17 Your Honor, would it be possible to take a
12:01:58 18 lunch break? I think I could cut it down.

12:02:02 19 **THE COURT:** What time is it now?

12:02:06 20 **COURT CLERK:** A couple of minutes after noon.

12:02:08 21 **THE COURT:** Oh, it is. All right, we'll take the
12:02:13 22 lunch break.

12:02:14 23 I may have a couple of things to take up with
12:02:16 24 the lawyers. So, how about if I give you until 1:15? Is
12:02:23 25 that okay? All right. Thank you.

12:03:01 1 (Following proceedings held outside the presence
12:03:01 2 of the jury.)

12:03:01 3 **THE COURT:** So, what should I be thinking about
12:03:04 4 instead of eating lunch today? What problems are on the
12:03:10 5 horizon? I know there is the witnesses that we mentioned
12:03:14 6 yesterday, if I remember their names --

12:03:20 7 **MR. WOOD:** Mr. Stanton and Mr. Ellis.

12:03:22 8 And here is the issue arising from that
12:03:24 9 discussion. Upon reflexion last night, in terms of how to
12:03:31 10 proceed, in light of the objection and the Court's stated
12:03:35 11 comments, which were legitimate, we decided not to bring
12:03:40 12 Martin Ellis. We're only going to bring Rick Stanton.

12:03:44 13 The problem that created is a gap in the
12:03:47 14 witness. I had planned to use tomorrow Sam Teller, who is
12:03:50 15 under subpoena. And now when I finish my case, I still need
12:03:55 16 Sam Teller.

12:03:56 17 Mr. Spiro has said that he doesn't want us --
12:04:02 18 and I understand -- he doesn't want us to use him by
12:04:06 19 deposition. He wants us to bring him live. And so that
12:04:10 20 would require his agreement, and he's given it, and with the
12:04:13 21 Court's approval, that I be allowed to take Sam Teller out of
12:04:18 22 order. In other words, not rest my case but keep it open
12:04:22 23 until tomorrow, I can examine Mr. Teller.

12:04:26 24 **THE COURT:** All right.

12:04:27 25 **MR. SPIRO:** Not an issue.

12:04:29 1 **MR. WOOD:** I'm sorry?

12:04:30 2 **THE COURT:** So, that's agreed upon.

12:04:33 3 **MR. WOOD:** With your approval.

12:04:35 4 **THE COURT:** Yes.

12:04:35 5 **MR. WOOD:** The only other issue, and it can be

12:04:38 6 done now that Mr. Musk is gone, it's not a matter of going

12:04:41 7 back to him, but I would like an opportunity, Your Honor,

12:04:44 8 before --

12:04:47 9 At the time period that you believe is

12:04:50 10 appropriate, I have a very brief proffer of evidence to make.

12:04:52 11 **THE COURT:** I want you to have that opportunity,

12:04:54 12 and I thought you wanted to make a proffer regarding the

12:05:00 13 question to Mr. Musk: Would he hire someone who's a

12:05:09 14 pedophile?

12:05:09 15 Is that the subject?

12:05:12 16 **MR. WOOD:** It is, and that question, and one more

12:05:16 17 that I wanted to make a proffer, because it's relevant to the

12:05:17 18 issue of damage.

12:05:18 19 **THE COURT:** All right, then, why don't you, if you

12:05:20 20 can, make that complete proffer now if you wish.

12:05:23 21 **MR. WOOD:** Thank you, Your Honor.

12:05:25 22 I proffer that Mr. Musk in response to the

12:05:28 23 question of: *Would you hire a pedophile at Tesla? Would*

12:05:34 24 *testify: No, under no circumstances.*

12:05:37 25 I would then ask him whether Tesla or any

12:05:40 1 other corporation that he's in charge of would hire as an
12:05:44 2 employee an individual to whom Mr. Musk or his company had
12:05:55 3 received information from a reliable source that the person
12:05:59 4 under consideration had been accused or there were rumors
12:06:05 5 that the person was a pedophile? And I believe he would say:
12:06:15 6 *I would not hire him until the company verified whether the*
12:06:18 7 *rumors or accusations were true or not, because we would not*
12:06:22 8 *want anyone in our companies to be working with a potential*
12:06:27 9 *pedophile.*

12:06:27 10 That I believe goes to damage as well as Mr.
12:06:33 11 Musk's state of mind as to the impact of "pedo" or
12:06:40 12 "pedophilia" upon Mr. Unsworth.

12:06:42 13 That concludes my proffer, Your Honor.

12:06:43 14 **MR. SPIRO:** Just very briefly. Three things: One
12:06:46 15 is, they're not seeking business damages, they're not seeking
12:06:49 16 loss of jobs, that's not one of the damages they're seeking,
12:06:52 17 so it becomes wholly irrelevant.

12:06:55 18 Second is, even if they were, it's a 701, 702
12:06:59 19 issue. He's not any sort of expert on --

12:07:04 20 **THE COURT:** Who's "he"?

12:07:05 21 **MR. SPIRO:** "He" meaning Mr. Musk. On the
12:07:07 22 hirability of a person in that circumstance.

12:07:09 23 And then third is, it's just misleading
12:07:12 24 because it blurs this sort of fact/opinion distinction, and
12:07:17 25 we would have been going back and forth, even if he had asked

12:07:21 1 that question for 30 minutes of: *Okay, well, if you knew*
12:07:23 2 *someone for a fact was committing the crime of pedophilia, of*
12:07:28 3 *course you wouldn't hire them.* And no one is going to argue
12:07:28 4 otherwise to the jury.

12:07:30 5 But if someone had been called an insult of
12:07:32 6 pedophilia, have been referred to as "pedo guy, would you
12:07:35 7 still hire them? And he would have said yes.

12:07:37 8 And so we've moved the ball not one inch.

12:07:43 9 **THE COURT:** I would see you, let's say 1:05, okay?

12:07:50 10 **MR. WOOD:** Yes, Your Honor.

12:07:51 11 **COURT CLERK:** All rise.

12 (Noon recess.)

13 (Reporters switched.)

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